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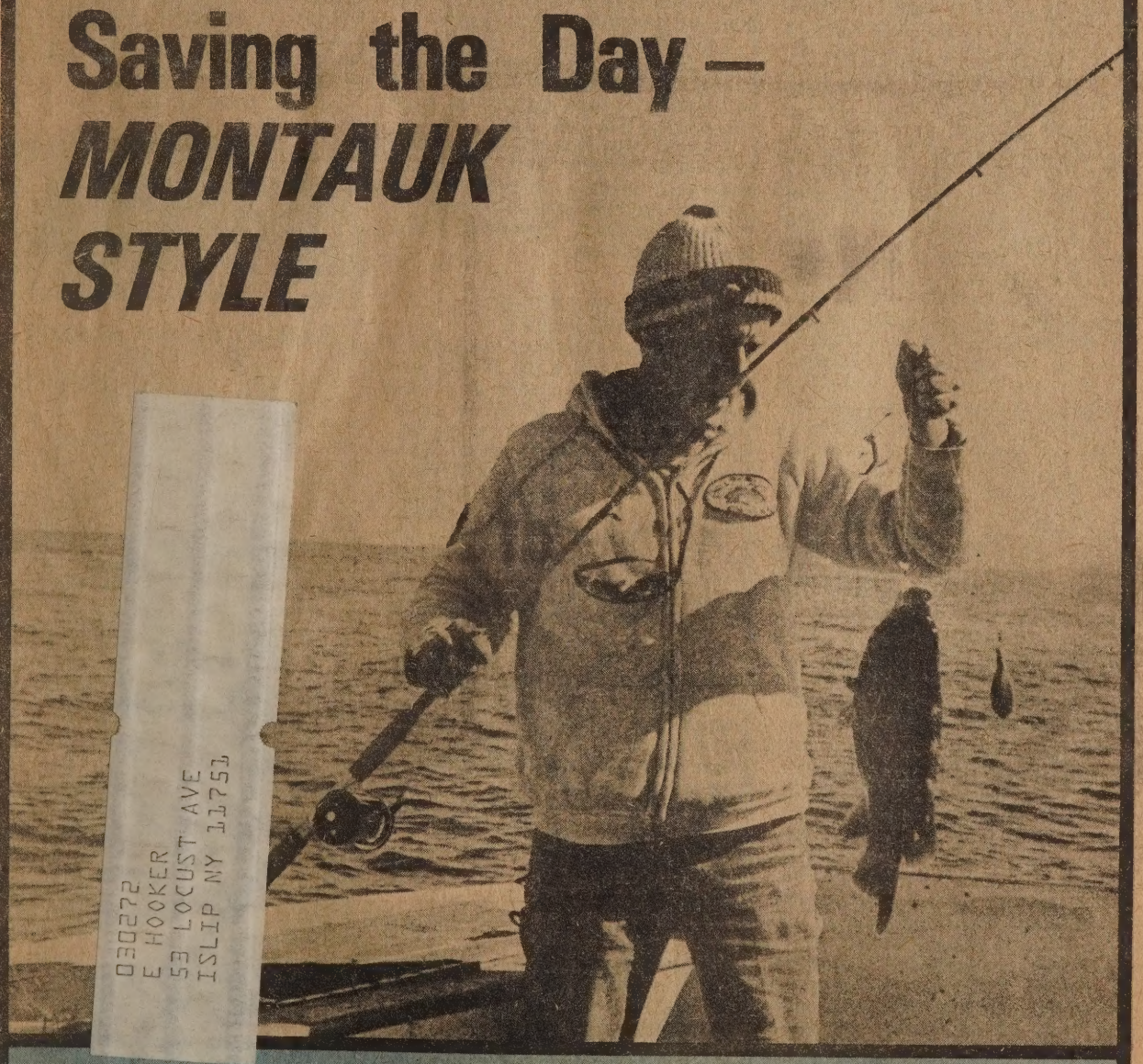

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NMFS BIOLOGIST THANKS PEOPLE OF MORICHES AREA

As a biologist with the National Marine Fisheries Service I have devoted most of my career to the studies of sharks. In nearly 20 years, I have had an opportunity to examine only two large white sharks. One of these was the shark landed by Tom Cashman of Center Moriches on June 29, 1979. Due to other commitments I was not able to examine the shark until the following day and it was only through the dedication of many people in Moriches that the animal was kept in good condition for scientific research. I hesitate to mention individuals who were of assistance because of the likelihood that I will overlook someone. Nevertheless, those who gave so unselfishly of their time and energy included: Bob Conklin of Riverhead, Chet Wilcox of B&B Tackle, Tom Cashman and the crew of the **Rogue**, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eaton, John Montecalvo, and Scott Emery. These people and members of the Moriches and Great Gun Anglers were supported by the Fire and Police Departments in Center Moriches, the Island Sports Marina, the Shoreline Restaurant, and a host of others who were anxious to help. In short, it was a total community effort to ensure that maximum biological benefits would be realized from the unique animal. I am most grateful to the individuals and community as a whole for your efforts in my behalf. In my shark studies I have long enjoyed the cooperation of fishermen from the Moriches area. I can think of no group of fishermen that is more dedicated to marine research.

With kindest regards and thanks to all. **John G. Casey, National Marine Fisheries Service.**

WHITTAKER ALL WET ON FLOAT-ON TRAILERS?

I would like to take exception to an article which appeared in your paper on June 28, 1979, the article "Trailering Your Boat" by Jeff Whittaker.

This article was very detrimental to Float-On boat trailers. As an advertiser in your publication, I would like to respond to this article as far as Float-On trailers are concerned. The author, Mr. Jeff Whittaker, has obviously never used a Float-On trailer. If he had, he would know that a Float-On is much easier to load than an E-Z load type. This is because with a Float-On you drive on to the trailer using the boats power, not drag the boat on with a winch. This usually takes only 45 to 60 seconds to load the typical 24 foot boat.

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I would hope that you would print this letter in your next edition so that your readers will know of all types of products related to boating. **Howard Goldfarb, President, Float-On of Connecticut.**

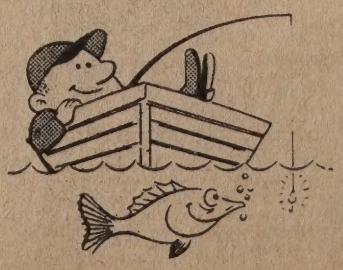
THINKS MATES ARE GREAT

I have been fishing on party boats in the New York, Long Island area for the past five years and have been reading the L.I.F. as long. Although I have, from time to time, seen some comments about some party boat captains, I have never seen anything written about their mates who I feel are very important.

I think Doug and Gene who mate on the "Captain Lou III" out of Freeport are two of the most pleasant, helpful, and courteous mates I have been around.

I hope you print this so that some of the other mates will realize that most customers do appreciate their efforts even though it may not always be expressed. Of course, some people do tip the mates, but a thank you and some recognition is nice once in awhile also.

For myself, I would like to give a public "thank you" to Doug and Gene. *G. Martin, New York, NY*



Pass It On...

CABLE TV SHOW ON FISHING AT CAPTREE

Readers of The Fisherman may be interested to know that Cable Television has produced two TV programs on fishing at Captree. U.S. Representative Thomas Downey is the host, and segments include interviews with various boat captains and L.I.F. Managing Editor Scott Simons. The two shows will be broadcast on Teleprompter Channel #12, Suffolk Cable Channel #6 and Brookhaven Cable, Channel #6 on Fridays at 7PM on the following dates: Part One on July 20 and August 3 and Part Two on July 27 and August 10.

BOATING

GASAHOL OK FOR JOHNSON OUTBOARDS

Tests have indicated that gasahol available in many areas of the country is suitable as fuel for 1978 and 1979 Johnson outboards, engineers for the Waukegan, Ill., outboard manufacturer report.

They caution, however, that whatever type of gasoline is used in the outboard's fuel mix—leaded regular, leaded premium, unleaded or gasahol—should have the minimum octane rating required for that particular model. And they recommend that the outboard's fuel tank be agitated each day prior to running, to assure adequate fuel-oil mixing.

CLUB NEWS

SURF & SEA ANGLERS

Would you please mention that we are now taking applications for new members. Our club is comprised of surf fishermen, as well as inshore and offshore anglers.

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GREEDY MONSTERS

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Contests & Tournaments

SECOND ANNUAL LONG ISLAND MAKO OWNER'S TOURNAMENT

You are cordially invited to fish the "Second Annual Long Island Mako Owner's Tournament", on Saturday, August 11th, 1979. All that attended last year, enjoyed a great time. If Coast Guard Small Craft Advisory is in effect, the tournament will be held the following day, Sunday, August 12th. This tournament will be co-sponsored by Mako Marine and White Water Marine. There will be an awards presentation and a "Clambake-Barbeque" at 7:30 p.m., following the tournament, at White Water Marine.

We hope that you will attend this event, and we will put forth every effort to make your day with us a memorable one. Your attendance will assure its success. Due to last years acceptance, we are forced to limit the number of boats to 40, so an early reply is recommended.

Applications must be received by July 28th, 1979. Send for your application black to: White Water Marine Inc., 4600 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, N.Y. 11769.

SURFSIDE 3TUNA CLUB

Surf Side 3 Tuna Club had their first annual club Shark Tournament on July 15, 1979. The results are as follows: 1st Lori La Porte "Lori L"—250 lb. Mako—195.00; 2nd Fred Formato "Highway To"—176 lb. Blue—$145.00; and 3rd Joe Savastano "Highway To"—117 lb. Blue—$95.00.

Let's not forget Otto Runge "Water Bed" with 165½ lb. Dusky, Richie Ferri "Rum & Coke" with 81 lb. Mako, a real beauty, and congradulations to Mr. & Mrs. Peppy Cioffi on there new 24.6' Aquasport who brought in a 107 lb. Blue Shark on the madin voyage of their new boat C Scape.

Congradulations to all above Surf Side 3 Fishing Committee. Eight Blue Shark under 100 lbs. Tagged and Released.

OAKDALE SPORTSMENS CLUB

Following are the results of the Annual Children's Day Tournament held on Sunday, July 8, 1979:

Karl Enoksen: weakfish, 4 lb. 7 oz.; fluke, 1 lb. 15. oz.

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STATE PARK COMMISSION GIVES PERMIT FOR MONTAUK FISH TRAP

The Long Island State Park Commission has granted a permit for the fish trap that has been constructed adjacent to North Bar at Montauk, one of the most popular surfcasting spots on the East Coast. John Sheridan, general manager, said that there was "no concrete evidence that the fish trap was infringing on recreational fishing" and that the only way the Commission would order the trap's removal would be if sportfishermen "show us without the slightest doubt that the trap near North Bar was infringing on their rights." This implies that sportfishermen were given the opportunity to present evidence that the trap in question was infringing on their rights, which is **NOT TRUE!**

In late April and early May of this year we spoke with three officials of the Park Commission to protest the construction of the fish trap at North Bar on Park grounds: Robert Ott, L.I.S.P.C. General Superintendent; Frank Dickerson, Superintendent of Montauk Point State Park; and John Sheridan, L.I.S.P.C. General Manager. All three concurred that the trap had been constructed illegally without the required permit, and subsequently ordered the trap's removal. When the individual requested to apply for the permit retroactively, the request was granted.

Upon being informed of this we **immediately** requested a public hearing so that we could present arguments against the granting of the permit, and were told that a hearing would not be necessary because there was no question that a fish trap did not belong in an area that had "been developed for recreational purposes." We said that we hoped that the permit application would be acted upon immediately so that the trap could be removed, **as had already been ordered**, before sportfishing began in earnest and possible social conflict erupted. (This conversation with an L.I.S.P.C. official took place in early May when virtually no surfcasters were fishing the area in question due to the time of year.) We were told that the application process would not be permitted to drag out, and that the permit application would be either approved or disapproved "within 7 days of its receipt."

Taking this promise at face value, we waited for the decision. And waited...and waited...and waited. The excuse given for the delay, according to John Sheridan, was "we want to be certain we're on sound legal ground because our proposal will deal with this and [other] traps in the future, to prevent further problems." L.I.F. queried at this point: "Do you mean that you want to be sure Park's has jurisdiction, like bottom rights, etc?" To which John Sheridan responded: "That's correct." So we continued to wait, calling Mr. Sheridan almost daily, with the inevitable answer "it's being reviewed by legal counsel and I'm expecting an answer this week—please be patient." **AT NO TIME IN OUR RECORDS OF ELEVEN PHONE CONVERSATIONS DID MR. SHERIDAN RAISE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE FISH TRAP WOULD INTERFERE WITH RECREATIONAL FISHING.**

Yet, almost four months later, the Park Commission has ruled that the trap may remain because there is no evidence that it "was infringing on the rights of sportfishermen." To which we reply with the following questions: What was the data base from which this decision was made? **Who** said there was no evidence? Who was asked? Was the New York Sportfishing Council asked to present evidence? What are the names of the fishing clubs that were contacted? Was the Long Island Beach Buggy Association asked to present evidence? The United Mobile Sportfishermen? Members of the sportfishing news media like Nick Karas and Frank Keating of Newsday, Jerry Kenny of the Daily News, Paul Pucerelli of the N.Y. Post, Nelson Bryant of the New York Times—were any of them asked? The Long Island Fisherman requested a public hearing to present "evidence", but the request was denied. Why? How can the Park Commission state that there is "no concrete evidence" when they refused to accept or seek any?

There are very few areas left on Long Island where surfishermen have access to the beaches to fish. Virtually every town restricts their beaches to residents only, as does Suffolk County. The one sanctuary where **anyone** can surfcast is in our state park complex, and now this access is being taken away from us at Montauk by a commercial pound trap that does the following: can be expected to remove between 10,000 and 25,000 lbs. of predators and prey from the inshore waters of North Bar, denying sportfishermen an opportunity to catch them; reroute those finfish **not** caught in the trap into deeper water, out of the reach of a rod and reel fisherman casting from the beach, denying him access to the fish. The physical presence of a fish trap only a few hundred feet away from where someone is trying to catch fish with rod and reel also has an obvious psychological effect that would exist even if the trap **didn't** catch a single gamefish. To make matters worse, we are not talking about a single fish trap in this area. This decision now means that fish traps can be placed every 1,000 feet along the entire shoreline running from Montauk Point itself to Shagwong Point. In fact, the Army Corps of Engineers has already granted a permit for a trap to be placed at Shagwong Point, the first of many permits to be granted in our estimation. The Corps told us that at the present time there is in excess of five-hundred fish traps on Long Island, the number having possibly doubled in the last few years as the value of fish has continued to skyrocket. Sportfishermen have protested the placement of only one of these traps: is that asking too much?

We must question the purpose of what the Park and Recreation Commission is. We always **thought** that it was to protect and conserve our fish and wildlife, forests, beaches and environment from development, desecration and exploitation by commercial interests. The very title of the department, "Parks & Recreation" is a statement that it will conserve and protect our environment in the sanctity of State Parks for the purpose of **recreation**. If fishermen cannot find a sanctuary for their sport in the State Parks, where they will be protected from conflicts with commercial fishermen, then where **will** they find it?

During this year alone, which is only half over, the Long Island State Park Commission has issued over 6,000 permits to sportfishermen wishing to fish in State Parks after dark. We challenge the Park Commission to give us the name of **one** of these individuals that was contacted and asked if they thought that the fish trap at North Bar infringed on their right to enjoy the fishing opportunities in a State Park. The facts are clear: the Park Commission just didn't care about what the concerns of sportfishermen were, it acted out of political expediency and succumbed to pressure from East Hampton Town Supervisor Mary Fallon, Judith Hope, the East Hampton Baymen's Association and The L.I. Fisherman's Association, ignoring their responsibility to the citizens of New York State.

One of the major reasons why this battle (not the war, however) has been lost is the inaction of those business enterprises in Montauk that rely on the dollars spent by sportfishermen to support them to exert any influence on the East Hampton Town Board. The fact of the matter is that the commercial fishermen of eastern Long Island are a squeeky wheel that has influence with the Town Board grossly disproportionate with what their number and economic contribution to East Hampton deserves. Whatever the commercial fishermen in East Hampton desire they receive without question, from the East Hampton Town Board—which gives absolutely no recognition to, or considers what effect this blind support of commercial fishing interests potentially has on the multi-million dollar sportfishing industry at Montauk. The businesses that are directly supported by this immense tourist-oriented industry include the open boats, charter boats, marinas, bait & tackle shops, motels, restaurants and even gas stations. Isn't it about time that these businesses got off their collective apathetic duffs and started using their economic influence to force the East Hampton Town Board to do something to protect the sportfishing that their businesses rely on? If they don't and the present trend continues, we can see the death of Montauk Point as a sportfishing center within the next two or three years, which means that all of these sportfishing supported businesses will eventually fold.

Since the implementation of the 200-Mile Limit and the resulting increase in the value of fish we have seen the following developments at Montauk: The number of commercial draggers has almost tripled, and only a lack of adequate docking facilities prevents this number from doubling again. To alleviate this shortage, the East Hampton Town Board is presently in the process of expanding the Town's "public" docking facilities to accommodate more commercial draggers. A private enterprise is in the planning stages of building a dock and fish packing facility on Westlake Drive that will accommodate twenty-five draggers. Last year

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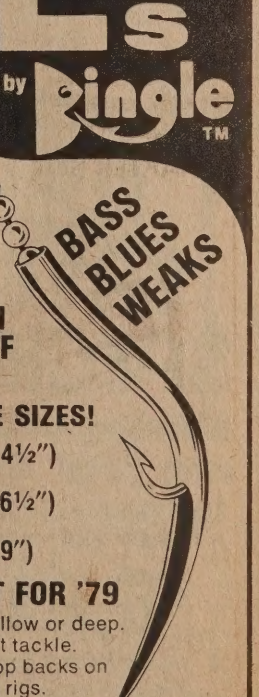
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NATIONAL SCENE

NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
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Bluefin Tuna Resolution Passed at Council Meeting

The tuna debate continued at the July meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council held in Philadelphia. Fortunately, it was resolved this time in somewhat better fashion than at the June meeting. Since it appeared that there would once again be a very close vote on the question of endorsing the McCloskey bill (HR 3852), Bill Feinberg (N.J.) changed his motion to support of the provisions of the bill introduced by Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Ma.) on June 6. HR 4357 would bring the Atlantic bluefin tuna under the 200-Mile Limit law and amend the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 so that its regulations would not apply within the U.S. fisheries zone.

There seemed to be more general agreement on taking specific action to protect the bluefin tuna since almost the entire catch of the western stock is taken from U.S. and Canadian waters. The Feinberg resolution was supported by a vote of 10-4, with one abstention. New York representatives Taormina, Pell and Goell supported the resolution and Dr. McHugh abstained. Incidentally, in case there were any misunderstandings, the vote tabulation during the June discussion of the tuna situation listed Nancy Goel as absent simply because that was the case. Nancy was at home sick during the entire meeting and her absence certainly had nothing to do with any lack of interest in the tuna issue.

While I would have much preferred that the Council could have supported the Inter-Council Billfish Steering Committee, South Atlantic, and Gulf Councils in endorsement of the concept that all fish in the 200-mile zone should be controlled by the U.S., the bluefin tuna resolution will help. Obviously, the bluefin is our number one concern among the tunas not presently covered by the law. Control over that species would provide the means to end the present Japanese directed fishery on pre-spawning giants in the Gulf of Mexico each spring. However, there would still by a by-catch problem—primarily with school bluefins caught during the late fall in the northeast. Though, theoretically, these fish would have to be cut loose the same as other by-catches, there would undoubtedly be considerable mortality—and it would be very easy to slip processed bluefins into the hold without much fear of detection, unless an observer was stationed aboard. The problem of billfish by-catch is also not addressed by this resolution.

However, there are some bright signs on the horizon. Word from the recent Congressional hearings is that members of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee were dismayed at hearing the Councils had been restrained from putting gear and area restrictions on foreign tuna fishermen in order to prevent by-catches of billfish. As a result, we expect to see a change of policy within the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on this issue. That, combined with the hoped-for success of the Studds bill, would provide some reasonable controls over foreign longline fleets—even if such control were exercised in a roundabout way and at greater expense than if we simply joined the consensus of nations by including all species within our 200-Mile Limit.

Council Proceeds With Bluefish Plan

Despite the disturbing results of the advisory panel meeting, the Mid-Atlantic Council voted to proceed with the work plan for a bluefish management plan. There was some sentiment that the plan should only be carried to the point of Council approval and not acted upon further unless a problem (such as an export market) appears. Council approval is necessary at that point in any case, and we'll have many more facts at our disposal then. The question of advisers sending representatives in their place was also cleared up with the confirmation that such representatives have no voting rights and are not entitled to expenses. Just as is the case with Council members, the advisers must show up themselves, or the constituency they were chosen to represent will not have its say.

Council Gives Lead Role In Sharks to Gulf

In a rather unusual move, the Mid-Atlantic Council has given up its lead role in the preparation of shark management plan to the Gu of Mexico Council. The move is unusual (perhaps unprecedented) because the greatest economic interest in the fishery is right here in the New York/New Jersey area. However, the Gulf has already spent $90,000 on a study of sharks in their area and is anxious to proceed as quickly as possible in order to control a potential Cuban shark fishery—which they feel is really aimed at snappers and groupers. At the same time, the Mid-Atlantic staff is already bogged down in present plans (surf clams, squid, butterfish, mackerel) and those to come (bluefish, porgies, sea bass, tilefish, etc.).

Due to the present work situation, some Council members felt it would be best to let the Gulf take the lead in this project, provided that we have adequate input into the process. The New York delegation was particularly concerned that this procedure might have a negative impact on consideration of North Atlantic sharks (little interchange between Atlantic and Gulf sharks has been shown so far), but I feel that provisions added to the resolution that finally passed should serve to protect Mid-Atlantic interests. Specifically, the staff was instructed to negotiate with the Gulf Council terms that would assure us of representation sufficient to see that our fisheries are fully considered. From a technical standpoint, it would be more advantageous to do a single plan for sharks at this time, rather than separate plans for the Atlantic and Gulf. As we get more information further down the road, it may well be possible to separate out various species of particular importance and treat them separately.

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Executive Order 12044 A Real Drag

The President's Executive Order 12044 was intended to reduce paperwork and prevent excessive regulation. It basically instructs planners to justify what they are going to do before they do it. That all sounds perfectly reasonable until you consider the practical consequences of this action. What 12044 has become is another layer of paperwork which not only doesn't accomplish its purpose, but even serves to slow further an already bogged down bureaucracy. The sad story of his this resulted in destruction of the school tuna conservation program for this year will be told in another column. From the Council's point of view, it means the preparation of work plans, which must be submitted to the Administrator of NOAA for approval before the management plan process even starts in earnest. Not only is this a delay, but Bill Feinberg (a distinguished lawyer) questioned the validity of the order; in that it seems to conflict with the requirement in the law that the Councils prepare management plans for all the species within their jurisdiction.

Cod Resolution Seeks More Information About Western Stocks

Codfishermen in the New York/New Jersey area continue to be unhappy with the present situation, in which good codfishing has been restored in easterly areas, but remains generally very poor all the way from Montauk west. For years, the Mid-Atlantic Council has been urging the New England Council to take actions which would permit more of a westerly migration by the healthy stocks to the east. Both our commercial and sport fishermen have been discriminated against by the present situation. One of the problems has been the scientific assumption that there is a single Georges Bank-southern New England stock of cod. I've never been satisfied with the theory that the cod we find in our waters from late fall through early spring, summer on Georges Bank. This is especially true in view of the large numbers of cod found on Coxes Ledge in the summer. Since previous requests to NMFS, that specific tagging and other studies be started to determine whether our cod are part of a specific sub-stock, were never carried through, I put it in the form of a resolution to the New England Council that such research be called for in the plan. If we can isolate the stocks that actually do migrate to the west, there is the possibility that effective management measures can be instituted to improve the winter cod fisheries that have been virtually dead for so long now. The resolution was passed unanimously.

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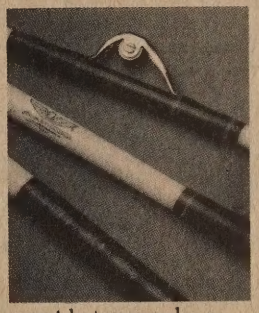

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FISH TALK

with Dr. William A. Muller

INS AND OUTS OF FLUKING

SCIENCE AND ANGLING! Sometimes it's hard to relate science and technology directly to fishing, but it certainly isn't impossible as witnessed by the abundant innovations in electronics and tackle that have boomed since the close of World War II. Things get sticky when you try to apply scientific knowledge directly towards improving a day's catch. Yet this, too, can be done without great stress. Of all species, fluke rate right up there as likely candidates for applied science. Although the fishing for many species has been hit-and-miss this year, fluking seems to be quite consistent even if catches have not been great for everybody at all ports. This brings us to a recent letter from Mason Widmer of Brightwaters. "I hear and read so much about baits for fluke and tackle, too. Each local sharpshooter seems to have his or her preferred bait and technique. Although I have had good success with fluke, I'm always looking to improve what I do and I thought that you might be able to suggest the best ways to go about it."

THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN THE PROVERBIAL CAT. Mason, you are quite right when you say that different folks like different strokes in fluking. However, each fisherman's style is consistent with the nature and habits of the fluke. The "sharpshooters" as you call them, have earned the handle by being students of the species. In short, they try to get down to the level of the fish and learn about what makes them tick. It isn't always easy to do this because fish are known to be somewhat whimsical at times. Fluke are bottom dwellers, but that doesn't mean that they are slow. Indeed, they are active predators and are equipped with sharp teeth and powerful muscles that allow them to jump on any passing bait. They are very willing to come off their bottom positions to feed on bait fish near the surface if the depth of the water is not too great. We remember watching thousands of fluke at Gin beach several years ago carrying on, charging into shoals of sand eels. Fishermen casting small swimming plugs and bucktails found that the fluke were very receptive to them. The fluke, in fact, mixed with weakfish and bass in the feeding frenzy. Therefore, the fisherman should strive to remember that fluke are active swimmers and prefer to hit a moving bait.

SECOND ON THE LIST. We should ask as to the types of bait fish that fluke might be willing to chase after. The answer is: just about anything. However, the most common fodder will be sand eels, spearing, killies, and squid because all of these have the habit of staying close to the bottom. Still, we can add mackerel, snappers, and any small fish to the list. Thus, the most abundant food available will be the best choice as a bait.

FLUKE AREN'T BLUEFISH. In spite of the fact that fluke are active feeders, they aren't as speedy as bass, blues, and weaks. Furthermore, they cannot maintain a prolonged run. Thus, fluke must feed in places that give them an advantage over the prey. They seek out, therefore, places of concealment where they can ambush the small bait. Sand bars, ledges, rocks (although less often), holes and tide rips are places where fluke will tend to stack up. Here, they can look up and strike upwards as shrimp, sand eels, etc., drift across the top of the structure with the moving tide. Therefore, we will expect to find the fluke on the sides of the structures, especially the down-tide side—rather than the top of it. The fluke fisherman, knowing this, sets up a drift so that the baited rig will be in position to be seen by the fluke as the boat passes across the down-tide side of the structure.

TACKLE IS IMPORTANT, TOO. There are many, perhaps too many, fluke rigs on the market. Many feature silver spinners, red beads, feathers, and other assorted devices to move and reflect light thus attracting the fluke. These fancy rigs work well, too, and many a skipper swears by them—as well they may. In spite of their success, I prefer a much simpler rig. The flashing blades and bright beads seem to provide an advantage when the water is murky since the fluke can pick up the flash at a distance long before it sees the bait itself. We have used either a single hook or a tandem hook rig without any hardware. We either tie a three-foot leadered 5/0 hook to a dropper loop or to a three-way swivel. The swivel is a convenience when you're fluking over smooth bottoms, but it can get expensive when the bottom is rugged—such as is the case at Montauk. The tandem hook rig has the advantages of hooking short striking fish and keeping long baits straight; but has the disadvantage of spooking the fluke in crystal clear water. We have found by dropping back and exercising patience that a single hook does the job well.

WHAT ABOUT THE SINKER? Again, there is some disagreement and much personal preference. Many a good fluke fisherman suggests that we tie the leadered hook right above the sinker since fluke are a bottom feeding fish. Others suggest that it should be tied several inches above the sinker. We were first taught, years ago, that the hook should be close to the bottom and, therefore, we fished that way for many years. However, when we first began fluking with the fluke maven of the staff, Scott Simons, he urged us to tie that hook three or four inches off the bottom. I'm a convert! And you know it is consistent with what we know of the habits of the fluke to do so. A bait that is drifted right on the bottom may be out of the field of vision unless the fluke is very, very close. However, a bait that moves along a few inches off the bottom will be visible from a much greater distance. Furthermore, fluke like to move upwards, off the bottom, towards their prey and a baited hook tied above the sinker will simulate an arrangement between predator and prey that has taken millions of years to evolve. In the swirling currents of a tide rip, bait fish will be tumbled and tossed and will not be able to scurry evenly across the bottom. The hook that is tied high will allow the currents to dash it against the bottom and then lift it briefly towards the surface. In strong currents, I've seen good fluke fishermen tie their hooks as much as eighteen inches above the sinker. Some experts suggest a relationship between the strength of the tide and the distance above the sinker. When there is little current, such as around inshore sand bars or along some beach troughs, the hook can be tied directly above the sinker and the stronger the tide, the farther away from the bottom you can place the hook.

BAITS. So far we have reviewed five items that the dedicated fluke fisherman is careful to watch out for and which are outgrowths of the habits of the fluke. Rigging the baits is yet another facet of the overall technique. Many fluke fishermen prefer to use baits in combination and although I have thought about this until my brains got waterlogged, I can't find a counterpart for the fisherman's preference in nature. A killie or sand eel and a strip of squid are simply not an everyday occurrence below the surface of the sea. In fact, when have you ever found a squid strip swimming by without the rest of the squid. The only logical explanation is that if you offer a fluke several types of baits, then

surely he or she will find one that smells good and tastes good and will elicit a strike. Nonetheless, whether the fisherman can find a relationship to nature or not, there is little doubt that combo baits often out-produce a pure-breed form. A long, thin strip of squid, perhaps six or seven inches long, seems to be the mainstay. Once this is added, a small bait fish is also hooked up: killies, spearing, and sand eels are the usual choices. If the strip of squid is very long, a tandem-tied hook setup may be preferred, while short strips may preclude the need for the extra hook. In the ocean, fishermen commonly use whole squid to entice doormats and, in this case, the tandem hook is definitely preferred. Commonly, the small bait fish is hooked through the eyes—a practice which we are told allows the bait to appear to be swimming along naturally and which also allows a firm hold for the hook. Makes sense, right? Lots of fluke fans have had lots of fluke luck this way; but have you thought about this? Suppose a small bait fish were caught in a current, what would be the tendency of the bait's reaction? Right! Frequently, that bait would struggle against the current. Now think about this. Suppose you hook a killie, let's say, through the eyes. Will it survive for a short time or a long time? Will it struggle actively, or allow itself to be dragged along?

THOUGHTS LIKE THESE KEEP ME UP NIGHTS! I guess most folks daydream in the moments before they slip off to sleep. Would you believe that I lie there and contemplate the habits of fish? You would not? I didn't really think you would. In any event, somewhere the thought occurred to me that if I hooked the killie through the tail that it would live longer and struggle more, thus presenting itself as a better target to the fluke. Actually, the idea isn't new and many a fluke fisherman has tricked a fluke into striking a tail-hooked killie. If you can try to picture it in your mind's eye, I think that you'll agree it's worth a try. Hey! Good luck with your fluke fishing this summer. If you come upon any novel ideas, forward them to me and we'll share them with our readers. And incidentally, save a fillet or two for me. That's good eatin'.

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VARIED MENU

One of the advantages of having a fisherman or two in the family is having fresh, or at least fresh frozen, fish available throughout most of the year.

With the steady increase in the cost of meat, I'm quite happy to open the freezer and pick out a package of fish fillets which my husband and son had caught. I am grateful to be able to offer an alternative to the standard "meat-and-potatoes" dinner. An alternative that in all probability is healthier.

With the increased variety of fish that my husband, Bill, has been bringing home over the past few years, I have been able to vary my preparation of them quite a bit.

You should realize that due to the oil content, or the lack of it, all fish cannot be prepared in the same way. Some fish are better broiled rather than fried; some baked rather than poached. I have found that some species of fish, such as striped bass, sea bass, fluke, flounder, weakfish, and cod can be prepared in almost any manner. Many people do not enjoy or even eat fish because they do not know how to prepare it. To them, all fish must be fried. This type of thinking has prevented many people from eating fish. After all, how often could you eat fried fish without getting tired of it?

Variety is the solution! Begin with what is in season and experiment. All your white fleshed fish—bass, weakfish, fluke, flounder, cod, etc.—are generally more mild tasting than bluefish and mackerel. Experiment with these. Vary your preparation and determine which recipes your family enjoys the most.

My husband and son fillet all the fish they bring home. Their entire catch, regardless of the time of year, or species, is put on ice as soon as it is caught. In addition to a large block or two of ice, my husband always adds a pail or two of sea water to the fish box on our boat. He claims this keeps the fish fresher by keeping the temperature more uniform in the fish box. Never add drinking water to the ice in the box. This tends to soften the flesh of the fish.

For the best possible end results, the fish should be cleaned or at least gutted as soon as possible. If this is not done within a reasonable time, your catch will lose its fresh flavor and go bad. You can tell the freshness of fish while cooking by the absence of a "fishy smell." Instead of fillets, occasionally my husband and son will head and gut a large weakfish or bluefish for stuffing and cooking on the barbecue.

They put the fillets (or whole fish) in plastic bags and, in turn, place these bags on ice for the ride home. They will follow this procedure whether they are fishing nearby Cold Spring Harbor and Huntington Harbor or distant Montauk Point. Once home, they wash their fillets with cold tap water and place them on dry paper towels to drain. After draining, they will pat them dry. We then double-wrap them with aluminum foil. Finally, they will be placed in plastic bags and secured closed with wire ties. It should be mentioned that we will put enough fillets for one meal in each package, date it and indicate the species of fish contained therein. We then place these packages in the freezer with the first caught in front. Thus, the oldest fish will be used first. The maximum time that fish can be kept in a freezer depends on the species and the quality of the freezer unit. Generally, it is three months for an oily fish like a bluefish, and about five months for a drier fish like a striped bass. This depends upon the care you exercised in preserving your catch.

What do you do with the remains of the fish after filleting? What happens if you come home with one small striper or a couple of small sea bass? Not enough to feed the family, right? WRONG!! The remains after filleting, or the result of a poor day's catch can be turned into the most delicious fish stew dinner you can imagine.

When you fillet a fish, you usually leave small scraps of meat on the skeleton. Well, Bill goes back and carefully removes these scraps and packages them in the same manner previously mentioned above. He saves the heads of striped bass, cod, sea bass, large whiting and weakfish for fish stock. The scraps will be added to the stock when making the stew.

Let's say you only came back to the dock with a few small stripers or sea bass or even one weakfish or cod. Let me show you how you can turn this poor day's catch into your family's gain.

First, fillet your catch. Skin your fillets and cut them into one inch chunks and place them in the refrigerator until needed. Now you are ready to do a little work in the kitchen. To begin with you'll need:

1 large minced onion 2 tbsps. butter
3 parsley sprigs* Pinch of salt
1 large or 10 whole peppercorns
2 medium fish heads, tails, bones, etc. (no entrails)
2 qts. water or 1 qt. water and 1 qt. dry white wine

***You can substitute parsley flakes and black pepper for the parsley sprigs and peppercorns.**

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the fish heads, bones, etc., onion, parsley and peppercorns. Cover and cook gently for 15 minutes. Skim. Add the liquid and salt. Simmer

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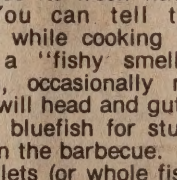

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gently for 25 minutes. Skim again and strain.

You just made the basic fish stock for your stew. In fact, you made enough for about 10 to 12 servings. Why not freeze half of it for another meal.

With the remaining half of the stock ready, you can go on to the fish stew. For the stew you'll need:

1½ lbs. fillets
1 green pepper, chopped
1 sprig fresh thyme or pinch of dried
4 slices of bacon
2 large onions, chopped
2 parsley sprigs, chopped
4 diced carrots
4 or 5 diced potatoes
2 chopped celery ribs
1 beef bouillon cube
salt and pepper
1 lb. can whole peeled tomatoes

Gently fry onions, pepper, bacon and parsley for about 5 minutes until limp. Add to the stock. Bring this liquid to a boil, add the carrots, potatoes, celery, bouillon cube and salt and pepper to taste. Cook this until the vegetables are done, about 20 minutes. Add tomatoes and fish; simmer for about 20 minutes. This will serve six adults.

It should be noted that most fish can be used for making the stock and also for the stew. As a rule, just about any white fleshed fish will suffice. Dogfish and blackfish fillets cut up make excellent fish for the stew. However, oily fish such as bluefish and mackerel should be avoided in the making of the stock and stew.

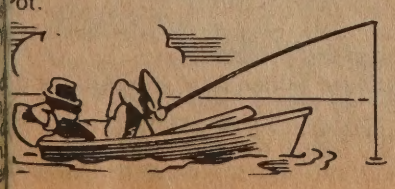
As you can see, you do not need a great deal of fish to enjoy a fine meal.

About January or February when your supply of fish is running out, you may consider stopping in at your local fish market or taking a ride to Freeport or Sheepshead Bay to purchase a few whiting which will do nicely in this stew. Another inexpensive substitute would be a cut of codfish known as the Collar. This is the portion just behind the gills. It contains the fins, but is cheap and can be utilized to make an excellent stock.

Serve this stew with a tossed green salad and a loaf of hot buttered Italian bread. A glass of white wine goes nicely with this meal.

I hope that I have been a help in broadening your horizons in the preparation and enjoyment of an inexpensive and healthy fish dinner.

As an afterthought for the working woman, this stew can also be made in a slow cooker such as a Crock Pot.



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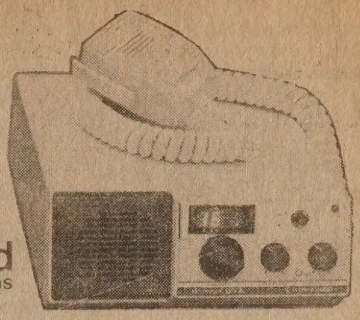

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As a novice surfcaster looks over the vastness of an area to be fished, he may figure that one spot is just as productive as another. Being unaware that a beach, just by its very appearance, can tell you a great deal about itself, this newcomer may see all shore lines as being alike. Not so the eagle-eyed veteran! For he can look over a piece of real estate, and as many an old-time caster will tell you, "can actually hear the beach talk." His eyes will always be attuned to changing water conditions, points of land, and the like, which—by his experience—permits him to know likely areas to find feeding fish. Listening to the beach is not as difficult as one may think. Once you understand her language, you can decode any message that she sends. No more waiting for other surfcasters to catch fish, or for birds to signal a blitz. You can, on your own, move along and locate areas where fish will likely be feeding. Even fishing a new stretch of beach for the first time can be made easier, if you know what to look for.

The best time to read or listen to a beach is at low water. At this tidal stage, many of the offshore bars and inshore points of land will be exposed. A good way to study and look for these formations is with the aid of a good pair of binoculars. Look up and down the beach for "fingers"—points of land that extend further into the surf than other parts of the same beach. At the proper times, these fingers provide excellent feeding grounds for game fish. As the tide begins to rise, the water moving over these patches of sand will form small rips. Around these patches of white water, tiny bait fish will be tossed about, explaining its attractiveness to game fish.

While looking along the water's edge, be observant of areas where the tide has cut through the beach and formed ponds or pools on those parts of the beach where it should be high and dry. This may signal an abnormal dropoff which causes the waves to break late, closer to the beach, thus forcing the tide further up the sands. Bass and bluefish like to feed around dropoffs such as these.

A steep or quick drop along the edge of a sandy beach will designate very deep water and a stron current. (Some years the bar at Democrat Point wi form this way.) Along stretches of beach such as this a very likely area to find fish feeding.

If you notice a gentle sloping beach, with n noticeable wave action and an almost transparent colo to the water, you will be looking at an area with a ver shallow and calm surf. This is typical of many of Lon Island's North Shore beaches. At low tide you can wad out quite a distance.

As we now turn our sights seaward, look for change in the water's color. Dark blue or dark green wi signify deep water; a light, almost transparent colo signifies a shallow depth. You will find this last item t be particularly true when the surf is calm. When it' rough, you are likely to see white water in the shallo parts.

A dark patch of water will also tell the caste exactly where sloughs, or other deep holes are locate When you notice that clear transparent, or light-colore water runs a length of beach and in this light-colore water exists a smaller area of dark water, you will b looking at a hole or dropoff. If this darker water run parallel to the beach, you will be looking into sloughway.

A slough will usually always appear between a offshore bar and the beach. In such dropoffs or sloughs bass and blues can usually be counted on to feed. As matter of fact, many times game fish will be trapped these sloughs as the water ebbs. Riis Park an Democrat Point Beach are two popular locations tha have large sloughs between offshore bars and the beaches.

Waves creating white water while breaking ov shallow areas will denote a sand bar or reef. At hig tide, these areas will be submerged and the wave actio may not be the same as it is during other stages of th tide. This is especially true if the bar or reef is not to high off the bottom. This is a very good reason why yo have to be present during the ebb. If these areas lies o the beach, try wading to them at low tide. Many time the fish will be laying on the opposite sides of thes places. As the water begins to rise, bait fish will b swept closer to the beach by the currents. This, in turn attracts the bass and blues. A good example of this is Plum Beach. At low tide, you must wade to the opposi side of the bar, however, when the water begins to ris the bait and the fish will move closer to the sands.

When you see a sand bar that runs almost parall to the beach, you can bet your last Red-Fin tha somewhere along the line there will be a cut in this ba

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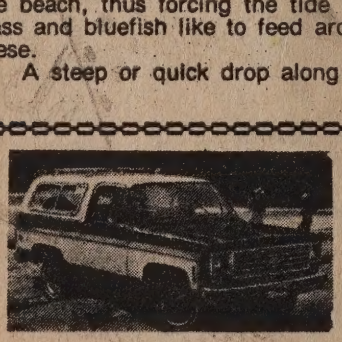

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FLUKE TIPS

How have you been doing with fluke this summer? It is my hope that you have been nailing a few, but at this writing, I haven't the faintest idea just how good, bad, or indifferent the fluke fishing really is. Confusing? It won't be when I explain that this article is being written at the end of this past April. At this minute, as I sit before my typewriter, flounder fishing is still going strong, a flurry of mackerel has just been reported, and the commercial boys have been boxing some early run weakfish, plus a scattering of porgies and sea bass. Why, then, am I writing a fluke article in April?—"fluke tips," no less. Because last summer's fluke fishing was a bummer, that's why, and I've got the feeling that we are all going to need as much help as possible in order to put fish in that bucket. I hope I'm wrong in this, but if last summer's fluke fishing results are any indication, we fellows are going to sweat out each and every fluke we catch this season. Sure, as everyone else did who put in the time, I had several good fluke fishing days last year, but these were few and far between. Actually, I had better fishing in May and early June than I did in July—which used to be the fluke month. I never did get a decent-sized fluke, although my buddy, Al Dunn, nailed a seven-pounder on a live snapper one morning in late August while we were drifting outside Shinnecock Inlet. Good thing, too, for it was the only fluke we caught that day (not even one throwback), and to make the day worthwhile, we had to scoot into Peconic Bay for some action with the porgies.

So that's why I decided to do this article months ahead of time. If the fishing turns out to be good—nothing is lost; and if the fishing is slow—we will need as much help as it is possible to get.

Most of what follows will seem "old hat" to many of you: you may have even read something similar here or elsewhere over the years, but please bear with me on this, for I'm sure you know we always have new fishermen joining our ranks—and by the same token, it won't hurt advanced anglers to bone up a little now and then. Memory is a notorious traitor; therefore, I'm sure you will agree an occasional refresher course hurts no one. And certainly, he who has need for a lamp, supplies it with oil.

And with this in mind, let's continue.

Did you know that when conditions are right, you can greatly increase your fluke chances by trolling?

You can; and so help me, I don't know why fluke fishermen don't take advantage of this simple method to produce fish. Granted, some fellows are unaware that fluke trolling is done at all, let alone that it is just as much a part of fluke fishing as is drifting or fishing at anchor with a chum pot. But the old-timer knows.

I can easily recall the days when outboards were undependable and, therefore, few and far between; but this didn't hinder the old-time fluke sharpie. This fellow trolled by trailing his bait over the flats and throughout the shallows with the only dependable source of power available to him—a sturdy pair of oars and two powerful arms: the old reliable Armstrong Motor. Perhaps he knocked himself out physically with this method, but dammit, he caught fish.

Therefore, with just about everyone using outboards today, there is no excuse in this wide world why trolling should not be put to use whenever conventional methods turn sour—and even when the fishing is fair, it won't hurt to try it.

It is, of course, important to have a reliable outboard, one that can be throttled down to the equivalent of a normal to brisk walking gait on shore and that can be sustained at that speed for as long a needs require. A lot of fishermen frown on too muc trolling with an outboard, claiming it fouls the plugs And it does; but if you move off from your fishing are from time to time and open it up for a stretch, this wi usually burn away the accumulated carbon. I know thi works for me.

No specialized tackle is required. As the movemer of the boat will put a certain amount of strain on the ro tip, it is best to use one of medium weight. Althoug you can use a spinning rod for this, you'll find conventional boat rod better. This is a good place to us that older, but serviceable, stuff. Twenty pound mono best because you can't avoid being hung up on occasio and you'll save yourself rigs with this tougher stuff.

I usually adjust the reel's drag so that if I'm distracted and not minding my P's and Q's, I don't los the outfit overboard should I get hung up. Many a fin rod and reel has been donated to Davey Jones b careless fishermen, especially when rod holders ar used.

Terminal tackle is the same as for the other fluk fishing methods: a three-way swivel, a three-foo twenty pound test leader, and a two ounce bank sinke will do the trick. Some fellows use a sliding-egg sinke arrangement. This is accomplished by running th sinker up the line, then attaching a barrel swivel t serve as a stop (an improved clinch knot is best for this the leader and hook are then added to the opposite loo of the swivel. The choice of doing this is yours. It doe cut down on the amount of debris you'll gather from th bottom when fishing some areas.

As for the hook, it is my belief that when fluk trolling nothing beats a 3/0 regular-shanked Sproa although some fellows opt for a 5/0. Again, the choice yours; but as I say my favorite is the 3/0—and I've caught some big fluke on this size hook without a bit difficulty. (If you find yourself missing fluke at any tim with short strikers, don't blame it on the hook. You ar trolling too fast.)

Bait is no problem. It is the same as for regula fluke fishing. I do think, though, that a lively two inc killy is tops. Should you decide to use this, cut you trolling speed down a bit. Give the fluke time to give the once-over. Hook the killy through the mouth and ou the gill cover, never through both lips (coupled with th momentum of the moving boat, it is wrenched too easil from the hook), and never, never hook your killy throug the back. No self-respecting fluke would go near a kill zipping by like a whirling dervish, and even the bes swivel will fail to overcome the monumental snarl yo are bound to get.

Strip baits such as squid and sea robin are excelle bait. Cut into pennant shape about three or four inche long and hook **once** only at the widest part. If you dot on artificial lures, you can get in your licks by trollin white or yellow bucktails (white preferred), with without a strip of fish bait added. You'll find the large fluke attracted to these bucktails.

Good places to troll are along the sides of dee water creeks, canals, and on the edges of rapidly shelving channels. These, along with submerged bar and flats, are prime fluke spots and should b thoroughly worked. Where you find one fluke in thes areas, you'll find more. (More about this in a minute.)

Don't concern yourself about hooking your fluke The forward motion of the boat and the fluke's natura gluttony will do this. It is more important to reduce th speed when you get a hook-up. This is where a budd comes in handy. He can throw the motor into neutra and maneuver the craft if in shallow water. Needless say, after you land your fish, it will be your turn to tak over the controls—unless you can talk your buddy out it, which is something I've never seen anyone do y with success.

Most of your best trolling is accomplished in depth from three to ten feet, and here a chart of the planne fishing area will prove its worth. Trolling dee water—say forty feet—means extra-heavy sinkers, whic in turn, means an unholy set in the rod's tip. You'll fir

it less enjoyable to fish this way—at least I find it so from my personal fishing tastes; but if things become desperate, give it a try. Sometimes the results are surprising.

You'll find, though, that shallow water trolling is more reliable, especially around marshes on windy days. Just get on the lee side and cast your rigging about thirty or forty feet behind the boat and begin trolling. Remember where you caught your first fish—there will be more nearby. When returning for another run, make sure to make a wide enough sweep to avoid running over your line. Work the area with care. Don't be in too much of a hurry to quit.

How many fluke you catch depends upon two things: the fluke supply and your skill. But in this respect, I'd like to tell you about an experiment my two buddies, Nick Hauck and Artie Leidecker, ran in Island Park's Schaeffer's Creek during the heyday of great fluke fishing.

By trolling continuously in one confined area, they hooked and released 131 fluke in one morning! I know the exact figure because I was the guy keeping tally from shore. (I had unfortunately drawn the low card, which made me score keeper.)

Don't give up your conventional fluke fishing methods; but when things slow down, keep trolling in mind. If there are fluke about, you'll get them.

I mentioned earlier that where there is one fluke, there are more in the vicinity. I have never seen this to fail. A not too well known fact is that fluke lie in lanes. This is the way they feed: in groups. Find one of these lanes and you can go to town on the fluke population. Whenever you have had a successful day fluke fishing, you may be sure you have come across one of these spots. If you've only nailed one or two fluke in isolated areas while drifting, rest assured you've passed over just one end or have gotten dropouts from the main concentration. Close, but no cigar.

Take a tip from me—please. The next time you go fluke fishing, drift in the open reaches of the bay. Carry a marker buoy with you and the instant the first fluke is hooked, drop it overboard. Don't wait until your fluke is netted. By that time, you may have drifted away from the action. These lanes are narrow; just how long is anybody's guess.

Drop that buoy immediately and work that area to a fare-thee-well. Make repeated drifts from each side: north, south, east, and west. And take your time. There are more fluke there—always! It is up to you to locate them. Because there are fewer fluke today, these lanes are not so numerous as they once were, but they can be found with patience and determination.

One hitch, though. Don't expect those fluke to be in the same spot when you go back the next time. Fluke, as noted, are predators—they hunt their prey and you can expect them to move about from day to day. No doubt this is because the bait fish continuously seek greener pastures. But those fluke won't be too far off—probably within a thousand feet from where you last caught them. Just put in time drifting the area until you connect.

Keep the thought of these fluke lanes in mind. When you do, there will be many days when going to a little extra effort will put fish in your bucket. You'll also have your buddies a little envious of your unexpected finesse.

As I mentioned in the beginning of this article, I don't know at this writing just how our fluke fishing will be this summer, but at least you can put these two "tips" to use should your usual fishing methods produce less than expected. You will certainly have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

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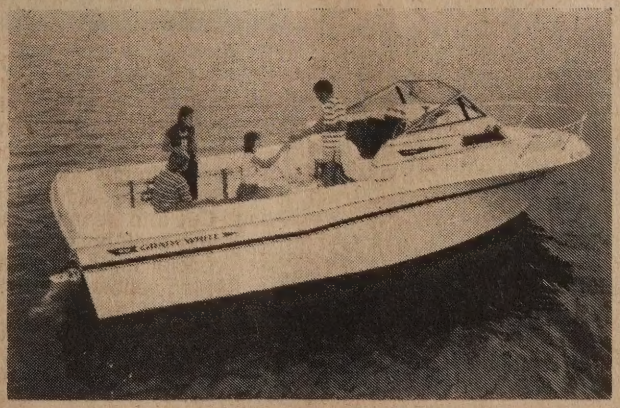

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Saving The Day MONTAUK STYLE

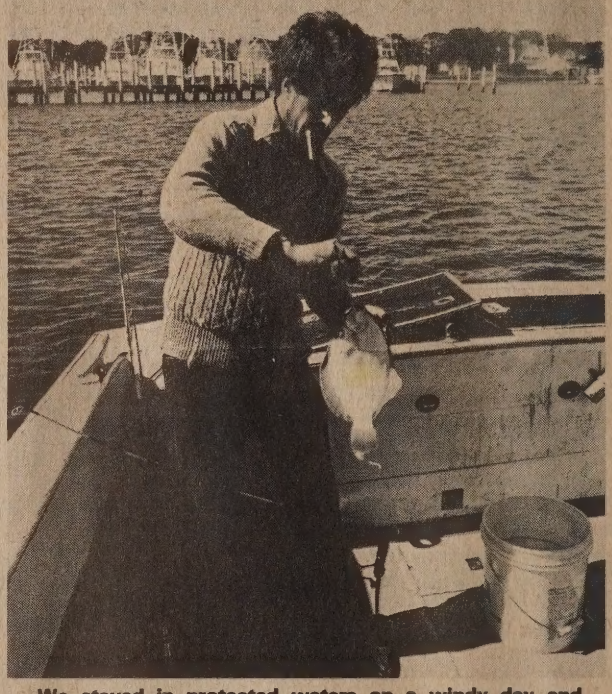
by Dr. William A. Muller

Scott came trudging out of the tackle center of Henry Colombi's Star Island Yacht Club with the ever-present cup of coffee in his hand and the stump of a cigar between his teeth. "Looks like you've done it again," he said with a weak smile etched on his bearded face. Scott was right—we had done it again, and the weather was terrible. The sun was shining brightly with only a few scattered cumulus clouds scurrying by, but the wind literally howled out of the northwest, making any venture to the fishing grounds at the Point unthinkable.

"I was gonna call you this morning," he said, "because even though the winds were light at 5AM, I had a feeling that it was gonna blow hard." It was a pity, too, because big blues had been driving the fishermen mad at the Sub Buoy and recently there had been a solid showing of large bass around the point. Scott continued, "There's no point in even trying to get out in this, so let's give it up and you can come over to the house for a visit. Mary will be glad to see you." I assured Scott that my wife and I would like to visit with his wife and children, but that we had come to fish and I'd like to give it a try. "Look Scott," I said, "it is early fall and there should be some flounder around, right? Maybe if the wind lays down later this afternoon, we can try for blackfish at some of the rock piles." Both my wife, Sue and Scott agreed that there was some merit to this idea; so we headed into the marina to buy some bait.

Inside the large sportfishing center, which is also the largest marina at Montauk, there was a bustle of activity. Almost no one had sailed and so, many private and charter skippers alike clogged the aisles and queued up around the coffee urn. If there's one thing that fishermen like to do in addition to fish, it's talking about fishing. One rather rotund fisherman with a red, wind-beaten face and tough weather-hardened fingers approach Scott as he reached into the freezer for some packages of skimmer clams. When we told him that we were going fishing, he laughed, and quickly chuckles rumbled through many in the crowded store. I felt embarrassed at first, but the feeling didn't last long. I had driven one hundred miles to fish, and that's precisely what I was about to do. Maybe they were right and our sanity was in doubt, but at least we weren't going to stand around talking all day. At least we were going to try for fish.

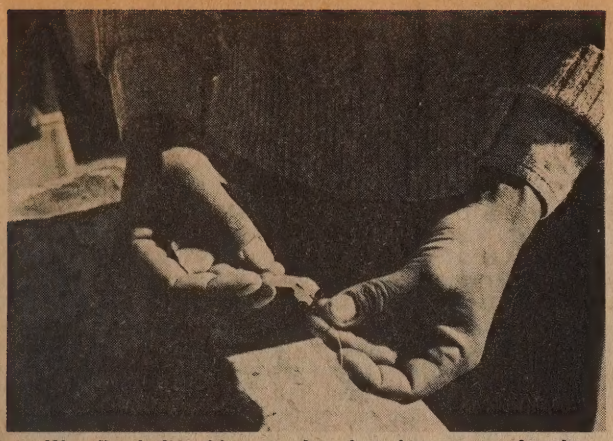
Our plan called for us to swing around out of the west leg of Montauk Lake and work down the channel of the east leg. Montauk Lake isn't a lake at all. It is a rather large harbor and the tide surges directly in and out into Block Island Sound. The harbor is big enough to handle all the charter boats, party boats, and even several Coast Guard vessels. The harbor is dredged regularly and there are a few spots where the water is as much as twenty feet deep. In addition, a blanket of rich mud covers almost the entire bottom except for the flats and bars. There was every reason to believe that the Lake should be full of nice fat flounder. I'll admit that with a thirty-five mile per hour wind pushing right down the eastern leg of the habor out of the northwest, that it took a few attempts to successfully anchor up. However, once we took hold there was surprisingly little swing and the cabin of Scott's boat blocked out much of the wind.



We stayed in protected waters on a windy day and were rewarded with flounders that ran as large as three pounds!

Summary of the situation. The wind was strong, in fact, too strong to expect decent fishing. We were confined to the relatively shallow water of the lake and a quick look around showed that we were the only boat out. We had clams for bait, and I consider mussels and worms both to be far superior. The bottom line did not look encouraging. Still, we rigged and baited the hooks and began fishing. Nothing happened for a good twenty minutes and it began to look like the boys who stayed inside with a hot cup of coffee and some friendly chatter had been much smarter than we were. Suddenly, Sue came to life. "I had a bite, I had a bite!" she said, and her tone revealed her total surprise. She didn't hook that fish, but within a few seconds she was fast to a struggling flounder. That first flounder didn't break any records, but it was a sign that there were fish to be had below. Scott offered a warning to us as Sue took off the half-pound fish and prepared to return it to the sea. "It's a jinx to throw the first fish back, you know." But it was too late and Sue had already tossed the fish back even as Scott said the words. There would be no jinx today, because even before that first fish hit the water both Scott and I were into fish and both of them turned out to be of considerable higher quality.

These fish were both well over a pound and they were the impetus that we needed to start to work at our fishing. I had brought along a small chum pot and I quickly dug it out from behind some other gear. Scott



We sliced the skimmer clam into long tapered strips and threaded only the wide end on the flounder hooks so that a flap of clam would flutter in the current.

Crabs make an excellent blackfish bait and should be cut into sections for best results. These are green crabs but we used sand crabs with good success and fiddlers can be used whole.

took one of several sharp knives and began to dice some of the clams up into a mush of half-frozen juices and chunks of meat. This rather disgusting-looking mixture went into the chum pot and was lowered to the bottom. We jigged the pot up and down a few times to dislodge some bits of clam and to stir up the mud as well. It's funny how a few quick fish can improve your technique. We were even more careful about how we sliced the clam. We first cut through the clam in much the same way as you might open up a pork chop that you wanted to stuff. When the cut was complete, we could unfold the clam into a long, flat, thin piece of meat. Then we cut two inch long tapered strips so that the meat could be effectively weaved onto the hook and at the same time, leave an enticing flutter of softer meat trailing off the end of the hook.

At this point, we wished for another anchor in order to minimize the swing, but we simply didn't have one and so we would have to deal with the swing by thumbing out line as the boat drifted away from the rig on the bottom and then wind it in carefully as we slowly glided back to the point where we started. Our extra effort paid off too, in both quantity and quality. The chum seemed to be effective in attracting a horde of flounder around the boat. Double-headers began to appear more and more often. The fishing was so hot that all of us became totally enmeshed in it. Even Scott, who lives in Montauk and fishes it hard and often, was surprised at the quality of the flounder fishing in the Lake. Like others in the Star Island Yacht Club, Scott would usually never have tried inside during bad weather—but now he was having second thoughts.

We kept the rigs on the simple side. Although many fishermen prefer to use spreaders, we have found that we have more luck without them and we are also able to avoid seaweed as an added bonus. We tied two leadered #8 Chestertown hooks together by making a loop in the middle of the leader of one hook and slipping the terminal loop of the second hook through this mid-bend. We then passed the second hook through the terminal loop on its own leader and pulled tight. In order to secure the tandem hooks in this position, we tied a simple overhand knot using the dangling ends of the first leader. We tied a snap and swivel to the end of our line using an improved clinch knot and then it was easy to add a bank sinker to the snap and tie the tandem hooks directly above the sinker. In the more open portions of the harbor where currents run slow, we were able to use as little as two ounces of lead, but in the channels where the currents were stronger and the flounder bigger, we were forced to use as much as six ounces of lead.

We were all interested in what the flounder were eating below. They seemed to be moving around quite a bit because as we bounced the sinkers to stir up some mud and attract the fish, we would frequently bounce the sinkers on the flounder and we could feel them instantly swim away. The first few flounder that we caught did not spit up any food matter whatsoever. However, about an hour into the fishing we began to take some really large flounder. Scott was first to score with a fish that weighed just a shade over two-and-a-half pounds, but Sue and I quickly challenged his catch and eventually we topped it with fish that weighed close to three pounds. These larger fish spit up sand eels that were about four inches long. Later when we cleaned the fish, we found that almost all of the fish, regardless of size, were chocked full of sand eels. Furthermore, all of the bait fish were head-first in the stomach which led us to believe that the flounder were grabbing them as they stuck their heads out of the sediment. That sand eels were the natural food that day also explained why the flounder were so active since the sand eels aren't sessile animals. It was odd, though, that when we salvaged some of the sand eels that were spit up in good condition and then baited our hooks with them, that we were unable to take a single fish.

Our clam chum provided us with a bonus that we were grateful to have later in the day. We must have caught about two dozen sand crabs on our flounder hooks. At first we released them, until we realized that these crabs would make an excellent bait for the blackfish that we hoped to try for in the afternoon. So we saved them carefully and separated them from the flounder, changed the water frequently, and in general, fussed over them like mother hens.

At last the wind died away at about three o'clock and we all agreed that we had our fill of flounder. We kept only those fish that were over a pound and still the freezers would be bulging. We did think briefly about heading to the bass and bluefish grounds, but at around ten knots and a sunset of near 5PM, there would be little time to actually fish. We could have fished for bass at night, but oddly, the best catches recently had been made in the daylight on a falling tide.

Then Scott said, "Let's try for some bulldog blackfish out at Cerebus Shoals. It's only about a twenty minute ride. We could get about an hour-and-a-half's fishing in that way." It was a good idea and the ride to the blackfish grounds was smooth and enjoyable. We could have stayed closer to port and still caught blackfish. Places like the jetties that guard the harbor entrance itself are known to hold good sized blackfish. Ten minutes to the west was Culloden Point, which is well known for its king-sized flounder as well as blackfish, porgies, and sea bass. Fluke and weakfish cruise the beaches during the summer as well. To the east there was Rocky Point, where some handsome blackfish were taken on prior trips and there was Clark's Cove, immediately to the west of North Bar which has a reputation for producing some monster flounder in

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October. We had our choice of all these spots, but elected to try Cerebus Shoals because when Scott says bulldog blackfish he's talking about fish that can weigh as much as fifteen pounds! Now, for a guy like me who has done most of his blackfishing in Long Island Sound where a huge blackfish would weigh about ten pounds, the prospects of these jumbo blacks was too much to resist. I asked Scott why so few people tried for species other than the glamour game fish such as bass and blues, considering that there are snowshoe flounder, bulldog blackfish, humpback sea bass, giant sea porgies, more doormat fluke than in all the South Shore bays put together, and excellent mackerel fishing. His answer surprised me in its simplicity. He said: "People get in a rut. They start to think about one type of fish and one type of technique and before you know it, they forget about some of the types of fishing they used to do. I'll tell you, that flounder fishing really showed me something. I didn't realize that the quality of those fish would be so good. I'm gonna take Mary and the girls out flounder fishing tomorrow!"

We found the shoals without any trouble since it is straight out from the Lake Montauk jetties and a big black bell buoy marks the northern edge of the high spot. There were two boats already fishing slightly southwest of the buoy. Scott recognized them as a couple of regulars who specialize in bottom fishing because "it's more reliable than bass and blues." They fish for the market. We cruised around for awhile with an eye on the depth recorder until we came upon a significant high spot. We anchored in front of it and let the boat swing back on top of the peak. The current was strong and we needed ten or twelve ounces to hold bottom. I tied a tandem two-hook rig with Virginia #6 blackfish hooks using the same method described above for tying flounder rigs. Scott opted to tie a single hook directly above the sinker with a dropper loop. Sue followed my lead with two hooks.

The sand crabs were quite large and, therefore, a single crab would make about a half-dozen baits. Although some blackfishermen prefer to leave the legs and claws on the bait, I usually remove the claws and most of the legs. I leave one or two legs on the bait for no particular reason at all that I know of—just habit. I remove the carapace as well, cut the crab in half from front to back, and then into sections from side to side. Each section has two or three legs or holes where the legs used to be. I then thread the beak of the hook into one leg hole and out another. In this way, the bulk of the hook is camouflaged, but the point sticks out ready to strike home. Blackfish are often very finicky eaters and I feel that it is important to bait up in such a way that you can sink the hook quickly. We baited up and lowered away.

Almost instantly, the bergalls were at our baits. They picked and picked and drove us crazy the way cunners always do. It's so hard to resist striking back at the bergalls in order to wait for that solid tap that indicates a blackfish has arrived. Theory has it that if you strike at the bergalls, you run the risk of scaring away any blacks that may be hanging around nearby. So we waited and when the hooks were gleaned, we re-baited and tried again. Suddenly, the picking stopped and I felt that unmistakeable thump of a blackfish as it inhaled the crab. I waited for the black to move the bait to the crushers in the back of its mouth. When the blackfish began to crush the bait, I felt another solid pull and I set the hook. Blackfish are amazing creatures. They fight with every ounce of strength to hold onto the bottom. They bore relentlessly for some hole in the rocks where they can cut you off. The fisherman must strike hard, lift the rod quickly, and gain a few feet of line as fast as possible before that blackfish makes it home. The bigger the blackfish, the more difficult it is to do these things well.

We ended the day with about a dozen good sized blackfish. They weren't the monsters that we had hoped for, but they were respectable five, six, and seven pound fish. There was always next time. As Scott and I chatted on the way in to port, I couldn't resist making a suggestion. "You want to try this again next Sunday? Maybe Mary can come, too?" "Not a bad idea," said Scott. "We can try the bass and blues in the morning if the weather cooperates," I added, "and hit the flounder and blackfish in the afternoon. I'll bring three or four dozen green crabs and a sackful of mussels too. With the right bait, we might even do better!"

Wouldn't you know that our next trip turned out to be another windy day. We got up early and there wasn't a breeze as we packed the car, but as we drove the stretch between Amagansett and Montauk, a northwest wind began to build. Scott was waiting with his usual cigar and coffee and I think we both had the same thoughts on our minds. "Well," I said, "at least I brought the mussels and green crabs to bail us out!" Scott had been spreading the word around for the last week about how good the flounder fishing was in the Lake, so we both had to chuckle as we made the right turn into the east leg of the harbor. Sure enough, there were no less than two dozen boats strung out in the channel. A quick check of the names of the boats showed that many of Montauk's best bass and bluefish hounds were salvaging a horrible weather day with excellent flounder fishing. Judging from the shouts and laughter, everybody had a good time, too!

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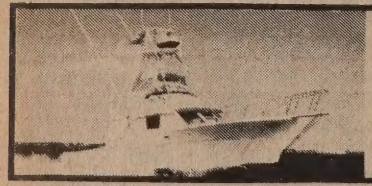

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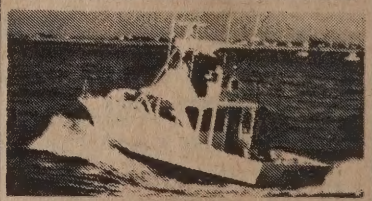

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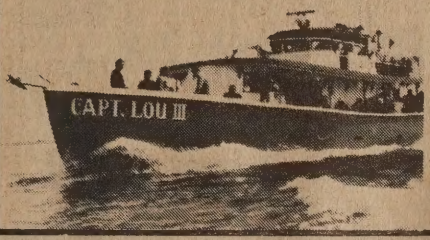

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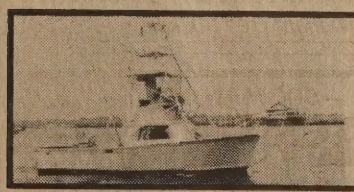

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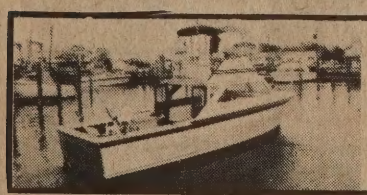

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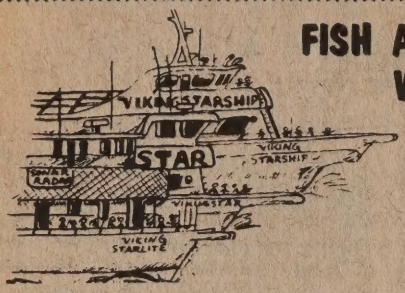

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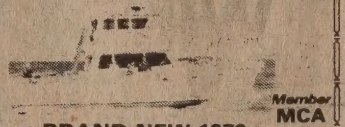

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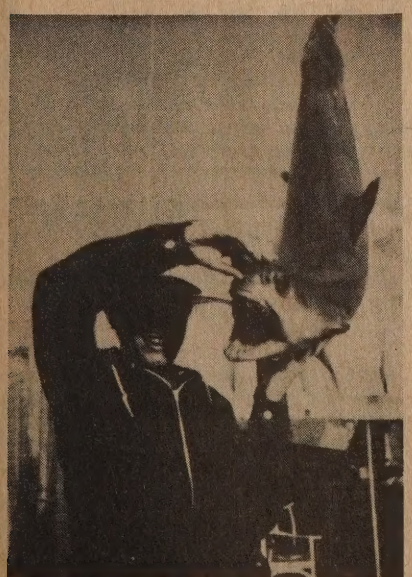
Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** said that porgy fishing at times this week was very good and Saturday was better than Sunday. It was on Saturday that Eddie and Gloria Bryant of the Bronx accounted for 153 porgies between them. Eddie was high hook with 80, and Willie Cornwell of the Bronx was second high hook with 76 porgies. Bud said that a good number of people on Saturday went home with between 30 and 60 porgies.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fishing Fleet** reported that the codfishing at Coxes Ledge is fantastic with the daily high hook usually 17-18 fish and the pooler a 40-50 lb. cod. Bluefishing south and southeast of Block Island has been good and is improving nightly for fish in the teens. The fluking has slowed down a little but is still good around Shagwong. The fluke are bigger now, but there is less volume. Porgy fishing also slowed on the weekend. Paul noted that the waters around Coxes Ledge are alive with giant tuna and white marlin, but there is so much bait in the



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water that they are not biting.

It is with deep regret that we inform our readers that Emily Marie Kronuch passed away this week. Emily was the beloved wife of Johnny Kronuch, Sr. of Johnny's Tackle Shop in Montauk. She is also survived by her son, Johnny, Jr., and services were held Tuesday at the Little Flower Church in Montauk.

Captain John DeMaio of the charter boat **Vivienne** reported making some great catches of weakfish this week casting bucktails with light tackle. Tony Petrone and his sons Ronnie, Anthony and an unknown friend took 52 weakfish Saturday. Hank Jahnsen and his son caught a 20 lb. bass and nine weakfish casting bucktails with 10 lb. test.

Captain Warren Hader of the charter boat **Devilfish** reported that the offshore fishing has been very good. On Friday, he caught a couple of school tuna trolling southeast of Block Island and took a dozen blue sharks, a brown shark, and a small dusky. On Saturday, the charter had a 125 lb. mako and a blue shark of 249½ lbs. Warren said they also saw a lot of white marlin on Saturday but none would take a bait. On Sunday morning's inshore charter a dozen weakfish were bagged along with two dozen green bonito, the first report of this species we've had this year at Montauk.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported "acres and acres of white marlin out there, more than anyone has seen in 40 years." The hot marlin area is in 140 to 160 feet of water southeast of Block Island. On Saturday , the "Sea Deuce" boated 2 white marlin of 121 and 90 lbs. respectively.

Vicki Nicholson with a 42-lb. pollack and bluefin tuna caught on Capt. Ed Beneduci's boat *Pepe* out of the Gone Fishing Marina, Montauk.

Other boats that had marlin were the "Bar Bar Jac," the "Cutlet," and the "Fun Tyme." On Sunday, the "Aquaholic" took 4 bluefin tuna up to 150 lbs. trolling inshore of the dumping grounds and the "Sea Tern" had a mako of 125 lbs. Captain Larry Rodriguez on the charter boat **Tide Runner** had 2 mako sharks. Joe Traina on the "Hawks Nest" lost 3 makos at the boat.

Captain Gene Kelly of the charter boat **Sea Doll** called to say that on Saturday he fished west of the

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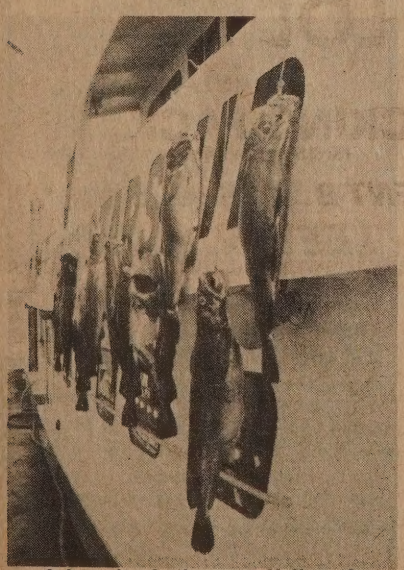
dumping grounds and took a 251 lb. blue shark and on Sunday, Rocco Romano bagged a 46 lb. "pup" white shark that will be mounted. The captain said that there are so many white marlin out there you have to see it to believe it. He said that on Saturday, if he saw one marlin he must have seen a hundred. The problem is that there is so much bait in the water that they just won't eat. Gene said he still has some open dates for overnight trips to Block Canyon.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** tells us offshore fishing was great with a mako every trip plus a bonus-William Oates of Manhattan had a 157 lb. thresher shark. On Thursday, Tom and Louise Shaw had 18 brown sharks (all released) and a mako. Inshore fishing Block Island's Southeast Light produced 50 blues and weaks on umbrellas. Saturday morning's party wanted fluke and Captain Phil obliged with 20 big flatties and large sea bass.

A 214 lb. bluefin tuna was taken by Den Butler on the Magician II fishing 20 miles s.e. of Montauk Point.

Captain Frank Maccaro of the charter boat **Free Spirit** called to say that he had a fantastic week inshore and offshore. Wednesday's inshore charter nailed 30 blues in the 10-12 lb. class at Southwest Ledge. Thursday's offshore trip fished the center of butterfish hole nailing 5 blue shark and 1 brown shark on light tackle. All were tagged except the brown which was taken in for the table. On Friday, Capt. Howie took the boat offshore where he had 1 blue shark and dropped 2 makos late in the day. Saturday's charter fished the west end of the butterfish hole where 2 blue shark were brought to the boat with 1 being released and



A bunch of "hangers" line the rail of Capt. Paul Forsberg's "Viking Starship" after a day's fishing at Coxes Ledge.

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the other brought back for a mount. Frank says he's booking various time length trips running to the dumping grounds and that with his speed he can get a good long day's fishing out of a one day trip if need be. See ad for details.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the charter boat **Julie III** on Saturday with a party led by Joe Gianturko caught 400 porgies from 1-3 lbs. fishing on the south side. At Shagwong they took 10 weaks from 4-7½ lbs. plus 6 fluke and 53 Boston macs.

Gone Fishing Marina tells of a good fishing weekend. Herb Shur had 20 fluke to 7½ lbs. fishing the North Rips on strip baits and sand eel-squid combos. Weakfish opened up. George and Linda Oliver took 30 weaks Saturday morning fishing 1 oz. Tri-Fin sand eel jigs. In the afternoon at outer Shagwong, weaks fell to Ava 27's and red tube umbrellas. Sunday a rental boat worked inner Shagwong and Washington Shoal for a complete mixed bag. Seabass have been slow. Porgies have been spotty. Blues started up Saturday afternoon, now blues and weaks are mixed with macs finally scattering. A 200 lb. yellowfin tuna was taken 18 miles south of the Point in 200' of water on the boat Lady Stacey. Macks and bunker chum did it while sharking. No word of night stripers.

Captain Jack Passie of the charter boat **Windy** on Monday had 700 lbs of mackerel and 800 lbs. of mackerel on Tuesday. Wednesday was the best day with 400 lbs. of porgies for 2 men. Tuesday and Friday were 200 lb. days each on the porgies.

Captain Barry Kiefer of the charter boat **Barracuda** tells us there's lots of life offshore. On Wednesday, his party had 2 blue shark taken for mounts and another 2 that were tagged and released. On Thursday, the charter took back 2 brown shark for the table and lost 1 mako at the boat. Whales, turtles and abundant sea life are out there. Saturday he fished s.e. of the light and loaded up with weaks and blues and Gary says there's an unbelievable number of fish out there. There are big blues and weaks on Sunday at Shagwong.

Paula McCann of the **Montauk Charter Service** called to report a Sunday charter on one of their boats for Mike Saracino and party took a 104 lb. white marlin and a 138 lb. mako. Both are being mounted. The catch was made about 35 miles east of the Point on trolled feathers.

Charter boat **King Wayne** called to report a super weekend of fishing. Saturday's charter for John Webb and Assoc. of Fishkill, N.Y. in the morning loaded up on bonito and in the afternoon fishing S.E. of the Point in 220' of water bagged 2 makos of 100 and 146 lbs. Sunday's charter for Tony Spinelli and pals of Yonkers trolled bonito in the morning and then after 10 minutes of chumming they had 2 white marlin. One was lost but the other was boated and it hit 78 lbs. on the scale. Tony S. was on the reel. They also tagged and released a large brown shark and ended the day with another 100 lb. mako.

Nice catch reported for Captain Otto (Buddy) Haselman on his boat Mi-De-Su fishing Sunday in 165' of water, 150° off the Lighthouse for a 54 lb. white marlin which was weighed in at WestLake Fishing Lodge.

Captain Pete Van Alst called to tell us that fishing aboard the **Modar II** has been improving with the rise in water temperature offshore. Parties have been catching a great variety this year, blue shark, mako, brown shark, tuna, white marlin and tiger, all in the last few days. The mullet and yellowtail are working well as baits, but the best results are from 40 fathoms and further. This party on 7/17 boated a 67 lb. white marlin, which will be mounted, as well as two brown sharks for mounts; a blue shark to eat and 2 more blue sharks tagged. A mako bout 200 lbs. was lost when he kinked the wire on the 6th jump.

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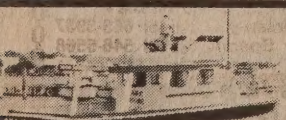

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Captain George Keenan of the charter boat "5-6-4" called to tell us that Wednesday's charter took 2 makos fishing in 180' of water 180° out of Shinnecock Inlet. Thursday's group had 3 makos in the same area. Wednesday and Thursday were the Bartenders and Teetotalers Tournament and roughly 60 makos were taken for the 2 days. The tournament was won by the crew of the Lobster Inn aboard the "Kathy." Friday's charter had a mako picked up trolling. Saturday's group had a white marlin in 120' of water due south of the Inlet. Fourteen marlin came in to Indian Cove marina on Sunday.

The Captain Clark reports good early part of the week fishing. The weekend slowed due to heavy boat traffic. Most of the catch was east of Nassau Point in deep water and some at Rose's Grove. Porgies ranged from fair to very good depending on wind and tide conditions. The **Capt. Clark II** had an ocean wreck trip Saturday for sea bass with excellent fishing late in the day. Clark says these were big fish with some anglers having full bags. Weather permitting he will repeat this on this weekend.

Thom of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** told us that on Sunday one of his rental boats returned with 36 weakfish in the 3 to 4 lb. class. This catch was made on squid near Robbins Island. Porgies off of Promised Land and also at Gardiners on worms and clam. Don't forget to bring along a chum pot. Good fluke fishing continues on the north side of Gardiners for those drifting spearing, sandeels, and squid. On Saturday Al Hoffman and Tony Demonte returned to the shop with a pair of 6 pounders among their catch of fluke and weakfish. The porgies in Peconic Bay can best be described as scattered but snappers are beginning to make a good show. Thom called the bluefish action in Shinnecock Inlet for both boatmen and casters steady. The fish are a good size and are currently feeding on the plentiful snappers.

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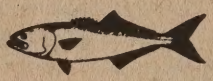

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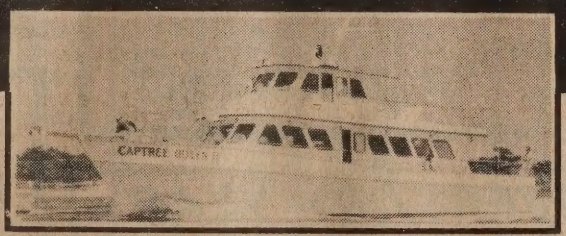

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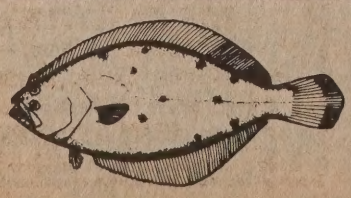

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also being taken at buoys 18 and 2 on outgoing water using killies o sand eels with a squid strip. Ronni said that he weighed in a fish of 7½ lbs. on Monday, and there are sti nice flounder right in front of th station.

MORICHES BAY

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Statio** 'says fluking was good over th weekend but catches were down du to poor tidal conditions. Fish ha been best on incoming which unfor tunately this weekend was in th early morning and late afternoo hours. Chris Tasso, Bob and And had 20 fluke fishing the Elbow are with spearing-squid combos. Blu claws put in a good appearance wit some boats getting as many as dozen. It looks like another grea crab season. Snappers have arrive in force.

Dolores at **Cerullo Bros. Fishin Station** reported fluke fishing wa really great on Sunday with severa boats returning with more than 4 fish. There are very few throwback and the fish are running from 3- lbs. each. Best action has been a the new cut using killies durin outgoing water. A few triggerfish flounder and a few blueclaw crab being taken at buoy 42.

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Crabs are unbelievable says Gar at **Stiriz' Fishing Station** and bushe baskets full of blue claws are n rarity. Skiff are coming back wit 150-200 blueclaw crabs out of a tota catch of 400-500, with smalls an females being returned. Good weak fishing again, fish up to 5 lbs. fro buoy 15 to buoy 12 on salty dog tipped with squid. Many are hittin fluke baits on the bottom. Goo fluking at buoy 17 with fish to 4 lbs Bay blues from buoy 17 to th bridge on Capt. Bill rigs and othe artificials. A few blowfish in the cra traps.

WEST SAYVILLE

Mike at **South Bay Fishing Statio** tells us that on Saturday Gen Bosavich, Irv Schwartzman and A Morgan had 58 weakfish betwee 3-5 lbs. fishing Point O'Wood shallow water (3-4') on squid, san eel combos. On Sunday, Jame Fuoco bagged 15 blues between 2- lbs. on Johnson Sprites off Poin

O'Woods. Fluke are being caught in the Ocean Beach area, buoy 12 on squid and sand eels.

Jack of **American Sportman Tackle Center** reports good fishing for big weaks at Ocean Beach on whole sandworms. Fluking in the bay has improved with many of the fish taken nice sized. Jack called the amount of snappers and crabs in the bay "super" and urges everyone to get in on the excellent crabbing while they can. Big news offshore was the showing of marlin relatively close to Fire Island Inlet in recent days. Jack checked in a couple of the billfish over the weekend taken southeast of the Inlet on jet heads in 90 to 100' of water. A number of boats fishing out of Fire Island encountered marlin anywhere from 75 to 120' of water.

OAKDALE

Bruce Bandes on his boat Speedy Lady II, fished Sunday in 190' of water, 145° out of Fl Inlet and had a huge school bluefin tuna. He boated 3 tuna and spent the rest of the day chasing the school. Bruce had a 500 lb. tiger shark on but ultimately lost it in the same area.

Rod at **J&R Sports** tells us that Bill Mailer and crew had 4 marlin hooked Saturday on Kona Heads in 120' of water but all broke off. Tow customers in a rental skiff took 40 weaks fishing sand worms at Point O'Wood.

EAST ISLIP

Wally over at **Buoy II Sport Shop** called the fluke fishing and weak-fishing greatly improved over the picky fishing of recent weeks. Dick McGarrity had 13 fluke on killies in West Channel on Saturday. Bob Roberson had several fluke to 4 lbs. along with a 6 lb. weak taken on a diamond jig in the Old Inlet Channel. Bob Gibson fished the Robert Moses Bridge area and wound up with an outstanding score of 40 fluke up to 5 lbs. This was on the weekend. Wally noted that there are plenty of eels going out of the shop but no bass have been weighed in lately.

BAY SHORE

The **Casey Lee** reports fluking has been good to excellent with 50-150 fluke a day being caught. All are big running 2-4½ lbs. High hook on Saturday and Sunday was 10 fish each day. The new leader in the boat's "Fishing for Life Contest" is Victor Gorbea with a 5 lb. 2 oz. fluke. Rare fish caught this week were a croaker and a trigger fish. Best fluking is in west channel and at the Lighthouse on killies, spearing and squid.

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THE FIGHTING CHAIR: FISH TRAP OK'd

(Continued from page 5.)

Lake Montauk Marina threw out all it's sportfishing boats so that it could provide dockage and fish packing facilities to draggers, which it now caters to exclusively. Another marina that formerly catered exclusively to sportfishermen is in the process of expanding its facilities to accommodate draggers and plans on phasing out its sportfishing accommodations. Two years ago there was only one commercial fish packing facility at Montauk: now there are four, with a fifth facility on the drawing boards. Draggers have already cleaned out the fluke along Gin Beach from the jetties to Shagwong Point; it's impossible to fish on the south side at night because of the scores of gillnets that are stretched along the beaches that are dangerous to navigation. Deep water gillnetters this spring cleaned out a cod population in a single day around Block Island that would have provided rod & reel fishermen fishing from open boats and charter boats good fishing for a week or more. Fish traps are being constructed everywhere, now even in our state park. It's time to put an end to this dangerous trend—and the sportfishing dependent businesses at Montauk are the only ones with the economic influence to do it.

Meanwhile, what can be done about the fish trap at North Bar? The options are many but will take time to study and implement. As a first step we have requested a meeting in Albany with Parks & Recreation Commissioner Orin Lehman, which has been granted. In the meantime, we urge all readers and fishing organizations to write letters to John Sheridan protesting the granting of the permit for the fish trap at North Bar. The address is:

John Sheridan, General Manager
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Letters must be written even if you never fish the surf at Montauk or do all of your fishing from boats. This particular trap may not effect you personally, but the next one to go up may be in your own back yard at your favorite fishing spot. We are not against fish traps per se—we are firm proponents that commercial fishermen have a right to make a living. It is the principal of this particular fish trap's location, and that principal is a fight that must be joined by **all** sportfishermen. If we don't fight for our rights now, commercial fishing interests will continue to dominate our government institutions and we'll soon see the day when there are no fish left to catch or places to fish from, and the sport of fishing will only be a memory.

Scott F. Simons

of the flood. Fish are 2-9 lbs. with squid and spearing taking the largest percentage of fish. They appear to be a new batch of fish according to their light color. Weaks are being taken on jelly worms, sand worms and squid from Ocean Beach to the inlet. Also small blues on white umbrellas, plugs and bucktails. Crabbing very good on any Bay Shore dock. Snappers getting larger and there are many around. Bass in bay are being caught incidental to bluefishing, but clam chummers working the bridges are getting some fish. Carl says he has clam chum. Blues east of the inlet at Cherry Grove and off Patchogue Beach in 65-80' of water. Marlin in 80-100' of water around the lobster pots. A number of fish hooked and lost but a substantial number caught. Rigged eels for marlin seem to do the trick with a few fish caught on Plastisonic jets. Tuna in 80-100' of water. Fellows at the gully scoring well on yellow and bluefin tuna. Carl says he has a good supply of marlin eels.

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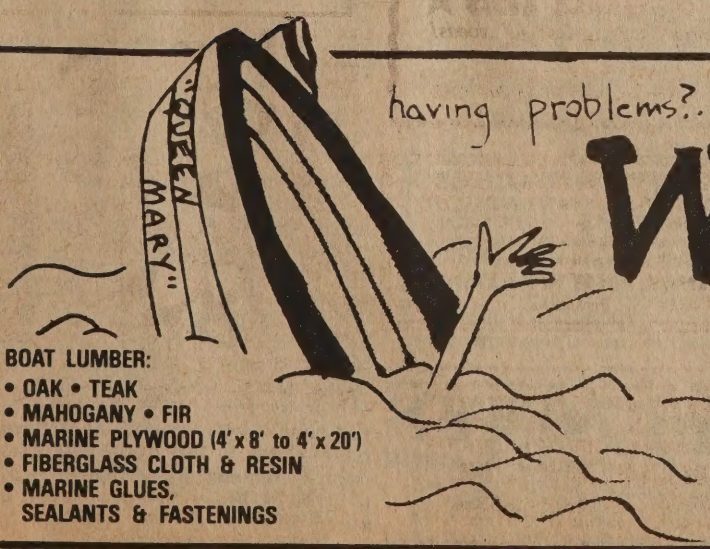
The **Capt. Ben Litwin** reports that the fluke are making their second go-round and that there are now plenty of good sized fluke in the bridge area, being taken on sand eels, squid and live killies. The night trips for blues have had good results with fish being taken in the 8-12 lb. range. The boat sails at 7PM every night for blues as well as the day trips for fluke.

Captain Roy on the charter boat **Blue Albatross** called to report Saturday's fluking was very good and Sunday's was stupendous, the best in years, says the Captain. No midgets and no fish under 17". A 5 lber took the pool. Fish were caught all around the top of the flood from the wreck buoy to the bridge. Sunday's charter for the Malverne Fire Department (17 men) saw catches of 6-9 fish per man. Five were caught on a dead stick. Killie-squid combos filled the bill.



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Bigger killies resulted in bigger fluke (Einstein's 7th theory). Fluking picked up Thursday and kept on getting better. Fifty-five small blues were trolled around the bell buoy on a weekday afternoon charter.

Charter boat **Lady Ann** called to report blues are a slaughter most nights. Friday's day trip saw 70 big blues go in the sack. Friday night 250 choppers felt the gaff. Fluke fishing was very good this weekend as evidenced by Sunday's trip for 32 Co-Op City anglers with 123 big fluke taken on killie-squid combos and on spearing at the wreck buoy.

Charter boat **Captain Abrams** called to report that fluking has improved drastically between the light house and the bridge, along the wreck buoy where 2-3 lb. flatties are hitting sand eels. Friday night saw great bluefishing off Patchogue, while Saturday night was picky, fish running 5-12 lbs.

The **Captain Scotty** reports bluefishing has been good all week days and nights except for Saturday night, which was a little slow. Normally the boat is averaging 200-300 blues per night working off Patchogue, fish from 7-12 lbs. The day trips have been spotty with fish of the same size. It's bananas, banana splits and diamond jigs daytime, while at night it's strictly bait and chum.

The **Captain Rod** reports that with Capt. George Bartenback running the boat, good fluke catches were made from Wednesday on. Three fluke over 10 lbs. were caught at Captree this past week. There have been virtually no throwbacks.

The Captain Joseph Fleet reported that bluefishing has been hot and cold. It was slow on Wednesdy and Thursday nights, but there was a real super slaughter on Friday night with over 700 blues from 7-13 lbs. caught by only 68 passengers. But Saturday was slow again with only 125 fish taken. The action has been best south of Fire Island reef to Patchogue and they are still using bait—smelt, herring, and butterfish. Fluke fishing has been improving from the Bridge to the Inlet for fish of 1½ to 3 lbs.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** reported night action with the bluefish very good all week. He called the day fishing fair to good but reminded that there is no lack of fish in the area. Some days they just don't seem to hit as readily as others. The daylight fishing is all on jigs while chum and bait do the job at night. Most of the fishing has been in 75' of water southeast of the Inlet with fish occasionally found further to the west. Speedy passed along some noteworthy news for offshore fans. For a few days running white marlin have been balling bait in the same shallow 75 depths. At one point Speedy had 3 of the billfish frolicking on the surface around the boat. Other skippers also reported siting several

SurfSide: TALKING BEACHES
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As the combers begin crashing, watch the crest of these waves. You will notice that as some are curling, other parts of the wave will appear dark (deep water) and will not crest or break. In that spot will be the cut in the bar. Through this cut will pass the finest game fish in the world: bass and blues. Fish the slough in front of these cuts at low water. Cedar Beach, Gilgo, Tobay, and Democrat Point Beach, are four familiar locations where these bars and cuts can easily be observed.

Sand beaches are constantly changing. The sands of time, strong currents and Mother Nature's untimely storms all take their toll; erosion is a constant enemy of any beach. Especially susceptible to these changing conditions are areas of sand bars around inlets. One day they are here; then after the next storm, they're gone. How about that bar at the end of Democrat?

When surveying a beach (listening to it talk), keep in mind that the deeper water does not always produce the fish. Many times big fish will surprise you, as they will be caught in what is supposed to be a shallow depth. For instance, white water surrounded by calm, darker water will designate a rise or mound on the ocean floor. As you work your plug over this area, it will likely be attacked when it moves over this rise (white water). Not only does this white water provide oxygen for the fish, but affords them an easy chance to trap a morsel of bait.

A pair of Polaroid glasses are an invaluable tool when scanning the horizons. With these glasses, you will be able to cut through the glare of sun and water, and get a clearer picture of the bottom formations.

Before closing, I would like you to keep a few things in mind. Rules of thumb so to speak: dark water equals deep water; light-colored water denotes a shallow depth. Crashing waves, breaking off the beach, signal sand bar. If you understand these basic principles, you will be able to figure out any type of beach formation. So from now on, when you see other anglers waiting for someone else to put them onto likely spots to cast, or waiting for the birds to work over a productive area, your distinct advantage will become even more apparent. "For you now know how to hear the beach talk."

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marlin in the same shallow depths but in other locations. Speedy added that water temperature in the area is at 74 degrees and that some bonito are beginning to mix in with the blues.

Capt. Wayne Westerlind's **Speedy VII** has been enjoying very good fluking in West Channel, off of the Lighthouse, and in the Inlet area. Killies and spearing are doing the job on the fish which are all nice sized keepers.

Capt. Marty of the **Jib Fleet** reports fluking in Great South Bay vastly improved over recent weeks. Of Friday and Saturday's fishing Marty described it as "super". Sunday's day trip saw good fluking while Sunday evening fishing slowed. Fish are averaging 2 to 3 lbs. and are being taken from the Lighthouse to the Inlet on killies and fluke belly. The last of the flood and the first of the ebb has been producing the best action. Nine year old Ira Gerstein of Stony Brook took the pool on the **Jib VI** which was being run by Joe Pirrozzi, with a 4 pounder on the Saturday p.m. trip.

Capt. Eddie of the charter boat **Eddie B** reports very good action with night blues on chum from the Inlet east to Patchogue. The fish have been found anywhere from 5 to 10 miles off of the beach. Fluking has greatly improved with fish being taken from Ocean Beach all the way to Fire Island Inlet.

The **Capt. Joseph II** skippered by Capt. Dan Juetner has also been cashing in on the good fluking. Fish are running from keeper size to 4 lbs. with an occasional larger fish mixed in the catch. Sandeels, killies, spearing, squid and fluke belly all account for their share of fish.

BABYLON

Captain John Bilitsky of the charter boat **Sea Ranger** bagged another mako Saturday for first timer Eugene Metzger of Bay Shore, a 176 lb. jumping beauty. An 80 lb. blue shark was taken by Danny Zottoli of Seaford. Fishing was s.e. of Fl Inlet. A lot of big tuna and oceanic bonito are out there says John. A very improved quantity of big fluke has hit the Fl Inlet area and the bridge. Night blues can be astounding as John had between 400 and 500 blues running a night trip on the Capt. Eddy B II.

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Ski at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** says a lot of marlin have been caught or dropped this past week. A 38 lber. was taken by Ted Freund on his boat Angel Jean. Fluking has improved in quantity and quality. One customer brought in 15 fish up to 4 lbs. This was Frank Capella of North Babylon who fished squid-spearing combos west of the Moses bridge all around the high. A 56 lb. white marlin was taken in 80' of water, 120° out of the inlet by Austin Kelly of Lindenhurst on Saturday. Ski says marlin are all over the place in slicks, batting trolled baits, etc. Blues in 85-95' of water from 8-14 lbs. both trolled and chummed. Small blues at the inlet with 2-6 lb. weaks mixed in at various times. Lots of blueclaw crabs all over the place. A few bluefin tuna have been taken on Cedar jigs, Kona Heads. A 200 plus lb. specimen was taken by one individual for chumming for shark with mackerel.

Rich at **High Hook Fishing Station** tells us that Mario Maltise and Mike took 12 sea bass at the CG Station on Tuesday on sand eels, fish up to 2 lbs. on both tides. Ben Chamides had 16 fluke fishing the State Channel with killies and sand eels on the flood Wed., fish from 2-4½ lbs. Over the weekend, a lot of 5-6 lb fluke were taken on killies, sand eels and spearing, state channel best.

Charlie's Fishing Station reports fluking good except for Saturday and crabs also good. Tom Gerard and group from Bklyn., boated 12 fluke up to 3½ lbs. fishing state channel drifting spearing and squid. Howie Miller and wife had a good catch of fluke on an evening tide on Friday, same area. Fluking has definitely picked up.

Captain Ron of the charter boat **Sea Bird** tells us that Saturday he had out some people from Newsday and killie-squid baits fished the top of Snake Hill and also Dickerson's channel and on a flood tide had fish from 2-3½ lbs. The day's catch was 46 fish, said Capt. Ron Murray.

OAK BEACH

The Store reports a lot of small blues at the mouth of the inlet at dawn with larger blues underneath, especially at the Sore Thumb. Fluking has picked up between the Bell buoy and the mouth of Fl inlet on sand eel, spearing and squid. On July 9, Bob Sichler of Farmingdale nailed a 50 lb. striper on a live eel fishing Cedar Beach overlook. Lots of shark and sting ray in the water. Hayes got 9 makos in his last 3 shark trips plus a marlin fishing in 140' of water, 160° out of Fl Inlet. Lots of bonito at the 120' line. Good numbers of large weaks under blues. Blueclaw crabs at the bridge at night.

SOUTH SHORE BAYS

★ BEST BET ★

FLUKE

COPIAGUE

Larry at **Bait and Tackle Unlimited** says snappers are everywhere, are growing and hitting shiners and small tins. Crabs are unbelievably abundant at the docks and canals in size and quantity. Porgies at the Babylon Cut, Copiague hole and Tanner Park on sand worms or clam bait. One customer took 80 porgies at Copiague Hole. These are all sand porgies. Small blues in the bay at the lighthouse, state channel on tins, tubes and tails. Weaks are the Copiague Hole and state channel on jigs and live killies. Big blues s.e. of Fl Inlet in 70-90' of water on jigs or umbrellas. At night it's bait and chum. Shark in 140-150' of water s.e. of Fl Inlet. Tuna at Hudson Canyon on cedar jigs and trolled squid. Fluke improved considerably in the state channel on spearing, squid, killies and white jelly worms. Fluke are all big. A few bass have been taken at the construction dock on bunker and eels, fished on the bottom in the early morning hours.

SEAFORD

Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station says although catches have not been very good on the fluke, one rental customer had 15 keepers to 4 lbs. fishing the bulkhead drain with killies and sand eels. Lori, another customer, had 31 blueclaw crabs Saturday and 35 on Sunday. The crabs are in.

Captain Eddy's Fishing Station reports fluke moved in this weekend and most boats had 7-10 in the 2½-4½ lbs. class, hitting sand eels, squid and killies. Snappers are showing up and there are a lot of crabs around the town dock. Some boats are picking up blues in the inlet.

Wanser's Bait and Tackle reports fluking has been slow this past week though some of his customers have come in with 4-5 lbers. they took in shallow water. Up to 8 weaks per tide for some customers fishing the 3rd Wantagh and the Meadowbrook bridge at night with sand worms. Blues also being taken at the bridges in the dark on bunker. Lots of crabs in the bay. Snappers are small but they're here. Blues from the inlet to 60' of water on umbrellas and chum. Weaks out there, too, on A-27's underneath the bluefish.

Pop's Fishing Station reports catching fluke, blues, snappers, and crabs. Walter Scott and Ben Rudaitas of Massapequa park had 20 fluke- 5 lbers, a 4, 4½. All the rest were keepers of 2 lbs. up. Bob Iannacone and the Hall family of Seaford had 12 up to 3¾ lber. Bill

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Lecki and party of four had a 4½ lber, on killies, sand eels and squid. This action was on both sides of the Wantagh bridge and north and south of Four Corners up to Massapequa Park from the state channel.

BELLMORE

The Singing Dog at **Merrick Tackle** reports tuna, bonito and albacore and a few marlin are being caught in 75-80' of water, 150° out of Jones Inlet, on feathers, cedar jigs, Patco lures and jetheads. Blues in 65' of water on umbrellas, 150° out of the inlet, mixed fish. Big weaks ranging from the breakers all the way on out in small pods, usually under bluefish.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** tells us that fluking has improved this week. One rowboat rental had 15 fluke on Saturday and 18 on Sunday, fishing Rowboat Alley. this was for Ray Kaiser of Freeport and Ed Batko of N. Merrick, on killies and sand eels. A nice run of blues and weaks under them three miles due south of the inlet, seeming to reach a peak on Saturday. Sal Suer diamond jigged 15 good weakfish on Friday in the 8-10 lb range in 60' of water. Lots of blues in the same vicinity. Tuna in the area of the HA on Tuesday for Ed Bing on his boat Bingo. Rolling Stones had 2 on Saturday, all on trolled red and white or white feathers.

WEST END SOUTH SHORE
★ BEST BET ★
MIXED BAG

FREEPORT

Bob at **Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle** tells of 7-8 lb. weaks being taken just outside the inlet on A-27s on Saturday by bluefishermen. Blues seem to increase in size as the water deepens, fish hitting on diamond jigs, tubes and umbrellas. Two white marlin-one weighing 86 lbs., were taken by 2 customers fishing in 70' of water with Patco Brooms. One surf customer brought a ray with a 3 foot wing span into the wash where it escaped.Flounder still available in the area of the Meadowbrook bridge on worms.

Freeport Boatmen's Association reports on Saturday the **Norseman II** had Musicaro's Fishing Club out. They had a dozen blues and 52 weaks in the 8 lb. class on jigs. Stan Stahurski was hi hook with 7 weaks. **Atlantic, Nite Owl II and North Star** got in on the action near Ambrose. Sunday they found some weaks on the black side of Ambrose. Fluke has picked up a bit. Sea bass and ling were caught on the Nite Owl II on Sunday. The Christy Lee had some yellowfin tuna, skippies, bonito and albies. Bob says the water is warm and clean and it looks like a really good tuna year.

The **Capt. Al** reports Saturday's trip saw some fantastic blue and weak fishing. Over 300 weaks up to 12 lbs. and about 100 blues were boated s/sw of Jones Inlet just 3-4 miles out. On the night trip Saturday, they went back to the same spot and slaughtered the blues. High hook was 30 blues. All week long results have been good fishing from Ambrose to Jones.

Captain Spider on the **Aloma II** says fluking has been picky but on Saturday they had a big shot of 5-10 lb. weaks. Twenty-five were decked all on A-27's, just 3 miles out of the inlet. Fluke and weaks will fill out a day's bag, so just in case, bring along some jigs and a medium action spinning rod. They are also lots of 2-3 lb. blues around. The boat's night bluefishing trips have been very good, to the tune of 3-7 fish per man in the 5-8 lb. category. Action has been close in just a couple miles out of Jones.

Starstream II reports Saturday's and Sunday's catches were picky. Although Capt. Richie constantly stopped the boat on fish, slow reaction time by passengers in getting the jig down resulted in just moderate catches, where there should have been many more fish on the boat. Friday's night trip was excellent though things were slower on Saturday night. The action has been up and down during the week, but every trip is seing some fish over 10 lbs. being caught.

The **Miss Freeport II** reports Saturday saw blues and weaks mixed, weaks to 10 lbs. This was outside the inlet only 4 miles, both southeast and southwest, all on jigs Sunday lots of fish were marked bu they wouldn't bite. Fluking has beer

Dennis O'Conner, Pete Cinetti, Lou Petrecelli and Tony Centrone pose with mako sharks of 106 and 172 lbs. They were taken out of Jones Inlet aboard the charter boat "Apus."

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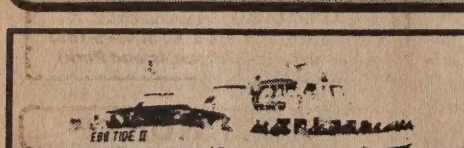

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unspectacular this past week and seem to be hitting on just certain parts of the tide, namely the last of outgoing and the 1st hour of the flood. Please note the Miss Freeport II will be sailing open for fluke Monday through Friday at 10AM.

Captain Arnie (The Shark) Wonsever of the charter boat **Shalidon** called to tell us that on Wednesday he had a 100 lb. mako which was kept for a jaw mount by Maryam Scalimandre of Queens. A blue shark was tagged and released. They also caught a tagged blue shark. The blue and mako were steaked out. This was southeast of the inlet. Thursday's charter for Dr. Al Wolyniec and party had 4 duskies, one of which was a 300 ber. All were t&r (tagged and released), also near the HA in 73° water temp. Arnold told us that the Thermocline also had a white marlin and 4 yellowfin tuna and 200 lb. sword to boot. Saturday's charter aboard the Shalidon saw the first tiger for the area come in, a 5' beast taken by Phil Howerkamp and party. Two other makos came into the slick but couldn't be baited. The boat has only 4 August dates open so call quickly if interested.

The **Captain lou III** reports that he had pretty good fluking all week. Wednesday and Sunday saw very good catches, all in the inlet. High hook was 13 fluke for John DeRosa of Valley Stream. The big fish for the week went to Linda Smith of Westbury with a 6½ lb. fluke. Fish ran large this week, a lot in the 4 lb. class. **Capt. Lou II,** Mike's half day boat has been doing well on fluke this week also. On Friday, Jim Crawford of Queens had 8 fluke on the CL II. Some small blues were also caught. The fluke are hitting killies, spearing and sand eels.

Charter boat **Nite Owl** had a two day Canyon trip and scored with a 55 lb. white marlin on a trolled jet lure. Trolling was poor due to a glassy smooth ocean. The charter had 200 lbs. of tile in 2 hours time with electric reels, tile up to 30 lbs. At night 4 swordfish were baited off the Continental Shelf. One was gotten to the boat but was lost at the gaff. One was seen approximately 8' long, estimated at 350 lbs. The swordfish went for squid baits lit up with light sticks. On the second day of the trip, along the edge of the Canyon on jet lures and Kona heads yellowfin tuna of 40, 45 and 50 lbs. were boated. Friday's charter for Lou Malick, and party caught 8 bluefin tuna to 25 lbs. and a dozen bonito. Saturday's charter for Phil Ross of Queens Village had 6 bluefin tuna to 25 lbs. on small jet lures, 7 strand lures and knuckle heads. This was south of the HA. Sunday's charter for Al Berko and party of Queens Village took a 300 lb. plus tiger plus an over 300 lb. brown shark fishing 40 miles se of Jones on bunker.

Charvin Fishing Station tells of increased fluke catches in the inlet. On Thursday, a couple of white marlin and 2 bluefin tuna were taken on Kona heads aboard the Gay Marie II trolling in 130' of water, 150°. Thursday saw the charter boat Thermocline take a 131 lb. sword and a 41 lb. white marlin plus 5 yellowfin tuna in the 50 lb. class. Saturday at the Canyon a 63 lb. sword and a 234 lb. bigeye tuna along with a 82 lb. mako were taken by Rich Schoen and party. Rich got the sword and tuna while Ken Vanderlaske had the mako. Sunday a 108 lb. sword was taken at Hudson Canyon by Jeff Isele of Trenton, NJ on a squid and light stick along with 3 yellowfin tuna in the 50 lb. class. This was aboard Charlie Ernst's Glover craft "Charlie's Angel." Fuzzy, Bill and Don of the Atlantis Anglers bagged an 85 lb. blue shark and a 120 mako in 120' of water.

Charter boat **Blue Fin II** called to tell us Monday's group boated 100 blues from 3-5 lbs. fishing just 4 miles off the beach. Tuesday's charter had bigger blues up to 12½ lbs. fishing Cholera. Bethpage angler Roger Head took the pool. Wednesday's group again had large blues at Cholera. On Friday, the heaviest blue of the week came aboard, a 13 lb. 1 oz. chopper. On Saturday, weaks and blues to 10 lbs. were boated just a few miles southwest of the jetty. All fishing was local, on Ava 27 jigs. Half of all fish hooked were dropped. Saturdy and Sunday night on the BF II, Capt. Geyer found good bluefishing anywhere from 4-9 miles south of the inlet. Saturday on the **Blue Fin** Capt. Tony Di Lernia filled up on weaks and blues s.w. of the jetty. Jim Folsom of Staten Island took the pool.

Charter boat **Jack Pot** called to tel us that Saturday's charter for Perkins Trucking trolled up 4 25 lb. tuna and some skippies. On Sunday, the boat returned to the same are and bagged another bluefin tuna and another load of skippies, all on feathers and cedar plugs in 145' of water, 155° out.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports a decent weekend. The fluke were picky but skiffs returned with fish with a sprinkling of small blues mixed in. Blues from the jetty to the 70' mark. The Mirro Lure Co.'s "Spug" lure is hot says Tony. Weaks are mixed in with the blues. Blacks at the bridges and jetties on fiddlers. Anthony says he has clam bellies in stock.

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BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** reports that Andy and Harry Schuler had 6 fluke up to 3 lbs. on sand eels and fluke belly fishing Reynolds Channel Sunday on the flood. Dr. Stu Bernstein took blues and weaks Friday at the inlet on Tri Fin deep swimmers and A 27's. Matt and Andy trolled and jigged blues at the Tin Can on Tri Fin umbrellas and Tri Fin deep swimmers. Joe, Frank and crew had big blues in 70' of water se of the Inlet on Thursday night.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports small blues thick at the Inlet on umbrella rigs, tube lures, and sidewinders. Weakfish at the Meadowbrook Bridge being taken on jellyworms and squid strips. This weakfish action has been in the mornings and evenings coinciding with the top of the tide. Improved fluke fishing at buoys 16, 18, and off of the Golf Course. Killies, sandeels, squid and spearing all produce their share of fish.

Andy of **Scotty's Fishing Station** reports a few fluke being taken in Reynold's Channel. He also spoke of lots of small bluefish in the Inlet area taking tins. Offshore, makos and blue sharks have been keeping the shark fishermen busy while marlin also made a good showing this past weekend. Andy knew of a few brought back through the Inlet. Blues in 60 to 70' of water and weakfish from 4 up to 16 lbs. taken on diamond jigs between Lido and Pt. Lookout. This weakfishing was hot up until late Saturday but died on Sunday. The action was in 60' of water. Very good blackfishing continues at the Twreck and the Roda Wreck on fiddler crabs. One caster used a jig to take several weakfish from 4 to 10 lbs. at the Jones Beach jetty on Sunday. The weaks were glutting themselves on baby butterfish. A good crabbing season appears to be developing and Andy asked us to remind crabbers to return the little ones to the water unharmed. He also asked us to relay word that there are numerous ocean sunfish outside of the Inlet now and despite their bulk they are harmless and should be left alone.

ISLAND PARK

Charlie of **Beckmann's Bait & Tackle** had one of his customers journey to the northshore on sunday and return with a fine catch of porgies, weakfish, and fluke. Jerry, Christina, Billy, and Helen Stamboulides fished off of Callahans in the morning and boated 33 porgies to 2½ lbs. along with several fluke to 4½ lbs. Later on they moved to buoy 15, Lloyd's Point, and used Ava 27 jigs to take 9 weakfish from 6 to 8¾ lbs. On Saturday weakfish and bluefish were trolled on wire and umbrella rigs and also jigged with bananas and ava's in many ocean areas from 20' of water on out. Charlie passed along news of 15 to 30 lb. class bluefin tuna found south of Jones in 110' of water. Bonito were scattered along the beach also over the weekend.

LONG BEACH

Frank of the **Long Beach Sports Marina** reported Heather Ann Hunter only 7 yrs. of age, landed her first fluke which checked in at 3 lbs. Doctor Marvin Alterman weighed in an 8 lb. weakfish along with his catch of good sized blues taken right outside of Jones Inlet. Karen Kagan outfished husband Aaron 9 fluke to zip from one of the station boats on Sunday. Roy Dilworth still leads the monthly fluke contest with a 6 pounder. The fluking has been fair from the marina down to the Inlet on spearing and squid baits.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of **Hennings Fishing Station** knew that the **Kim, Sea Jet, Marlin**, and the **Jay Jeffrey** all journeyed to the Canyon over the weekend. Each boat had their share of yellowfin tuna and true albacore while the **Sea Jet** also managed to hang on to a white marlin. Hot action at the Tin Can Grounds for weakfish and bluefish in the 8 to 10 lb. class on jigs with a tube affixed 4' above. Fair fluke fishing at Buoys 7, 8, and 9 with most all of the fish keepers. Sandeels seem to be producing best. Sy noted that tinker mackerel are all over the place inside of Reynold's Channel and some of the sharpies have been catching them and using them for fluke bait. He also added that make in excess of 200 lbs. was reportedly taken in 40' of water south of Deb's Inlet by an angler in a 20' skiff.

Nine to thirteen lb. chopper blues are what Captain Ronnie Lepper on the **Kim** has been bailing, trolling and jigging at the Tin Can Grounds. His trips for 4 anglers have been 35-40 weaks running 7-12 lbs. and an equal number of blues up to 11 lbs.

Seaman's Bait reports sand porgies in Motts Creek on bloodworms, big weaks at Silver Hole on sand worms and super blueclaw crabs on killie rings best.

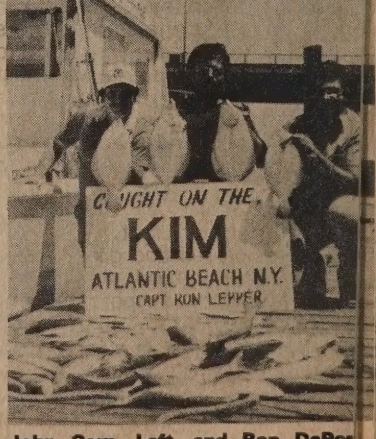
JAMAICA BAY

John of **Cross Bay Bait & Tackle** weighed in weakfish of 10¼ and 11½ lbs. for Frank Barbara on Saturday. Frank took the tiderunner on bunker strips near the top of the tide from the North Channel Bridge. A bridge gaff was used to land these fish. Loads of sand porgies in Jamaica Bay on sandworms and fluke from the North Channel Bridge to the Inlet on killies and sandeels. The fluke gets increasingly better as you approach the Inlet says John. Two to three pound bluefish are roaming the bay and bridges and plenty of crabs around for everyone.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Butch of the **Zephy** reported a pick-up in this past week's action. More porgies are beginning to show, mixed in with nice catches of sea bass in the 1 lb class. The weekend's fishing was tougher with catches ranging from 1/2 to a full 5 gallon can of sea bass from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. and ling from 1-3½ lbs. These fish are being taken off Seabright and at offshore wrecks.

The **Dorothy B** told of good fluke fishing during last week off of th



John Cern, Left, and Ron DePor pels with two nice-size fluke of lbs. and 7-lbs. 1-oz. taken on July on the Capt. Ben Litwin in Captre

Jersey Coast. Fish ranging from 3-5 lbs. and up to 7 were taken on sand eels and spearing baits. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday action was down from during the week because slow tides and no winds made for poor drifting conditions. Action should pick up again as soon as conditions improve.

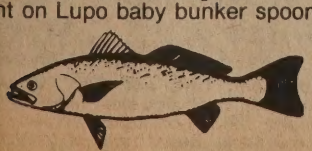
Captain Walter of the **Flamingo III** had a great weekend with the blues and weaks at Sandy Hook and along the Jersey Coast. Weakfish in the 5-10 lb. class are mixed in with cocktail, medium and gorilla sized bluefish. This action has been excellent with all anglers bringing home fish. Catches are running from 3-20 fish per angler, with bluefish up to 14 lbs. hitting diamond jigs and weakfish needing that extra tube on the jig to make them hit.

Joe at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** tells of plenty of weaks and blues at the Tin Can, Ambrose on S&G Diamond Jigs and banana splits. Good fluke off Riis Park and in the channel on sand eels and squid. Big blues at Nortons Pt., with bunker chunks. Small blues off the jetty on jigs. Sand porgies in Jamaica Bay. Snappers on spearing.

Captain Stan on the charter boat **Babe** had a charter Saturday for Phil Rosen and co. They jigged weaks and blues on the black side of Ambrose. Sunday's charter for Allen Goldberg and company also jigged weaks and blues in the same area. Ellie Goldberg outfished the men using 6 lb. test on a light spinner catching weaks up to 10 lbs.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny of **Santo's Sport Shop** reported good weakfish action for casters at Piers 8, 12, 13, and 17 on bucktails, Danny swimmers and whole sandworms. This has been in the morning hours and the fish run anywhere from 6 to 8½ lbs. Ten to 12 lb. blues in the same area on cut baits such as bunker, mackerel and herring. South Beach has been producing bluefish morning and night on the same chunk baits. Fluke being taken by casters from Great Kills Park to the storm sewers and small school stripers continue to be caught on bucktails and worms at Cliff St. and Penny Beach. Great Kills Harbor has its quota of sand porgies, snappers and a good supply of blue claw crabs. Boatmen have been enjoying very good fluke action in Princess Bay from Great Kills Park to the Bug Light. Weakfish being trolled on red and green tubes at buoys 21, 4, and 39. Worm drifters take school stripers at Hoffman Island and 12 to 15 lb. bluefish have made a showing at Norton's Point on Lupo baby bunker spoons.



PECONICS & GARDINERS

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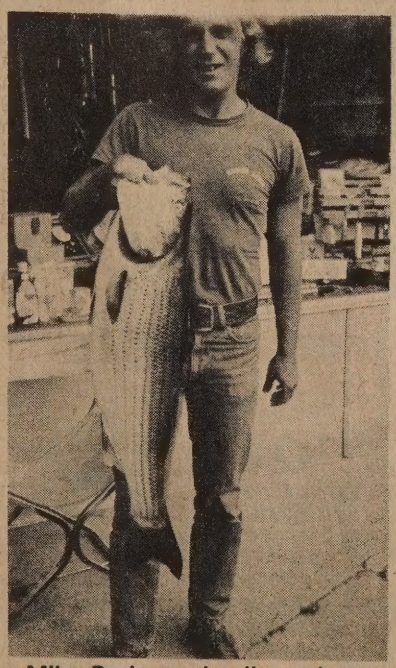
MIXED BAG

GREENPORT

Captain George Porter of the **Brand X** tells of excellent fishing over the weekend. "Porgies by the hundreds" says George, fish ranging from 1-3 lbs and plenty of them. Everyone had fish and some passengers had nearly 100 each.

The prime time also had loads of porgies on its 6AM daily trips loading up at North Gardiner's and also in the Sound and over at New London on the flood. There were 3 good days where there weaks and blues also, working under birds. The weaks ran up to 11 lbs. But porgies are the big story and they are in solid. George says there's plenty of gas available also even on Sunday, between Greenport and Riverhead.

A.P. White Bait Shop reported very good porgy action east of Gardiners Island on clams and worms. Both the **Brand X** and the **Prime Time** have been doing a job on the humpbacks. William Cason had 59 porgies on the **Prime Time** Saturday while Kim Lee and son had 118. Fluke are being taken in the same general area on spearing, sandeels and squid fished on fluke teaser rigs. Some small weakfish in the channel near the Greenport Breakwater on squid. Some bass being taken evenings in the Sluiceway on umbrella rigs. These fish are in the 20 to 40 lb. class. Casters have been picking away at bass near Horton's Point on Rebels and tin while those using fiddlers have been making some nice scores of big blackfish.



Mike Poola used a live eel to take this 20 lb. striper from Shinnecock Inlet. Photo courtesy of Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

SOUTHOLD

Ace of the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** reported that fishing out in the Orient Sub station has been good out in the Sound. Anglers have been making some excellent catches of big porgies both in front of the station and off of Mulford Point. Clams and worms both produce fish. Fluke, from keeper size up to 5 lbs. taking spearing, sandeels and squid from Mulford Point to Truman Beach. Small blacks in fair supply at Mulford Point on fiddlers and green crabs. Ace called fishing on the bay side slow with a few weaks and porgies providing some action.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports "Lots of weaks" in the North Race. These fish range from 2 to up to 11 lbs. and are being taken on Rebels, Hopkins, and bucktails. Some bluefish are mixed in with the weaks. On Saturday evening two anglers had 56 weakfish in only a couple of hours of fishing. Porgies being taken at Nassau Point and South Race on worms and clams. The fish at Nassau Point run up to a pound while those in the South Race run up to 2 to 2½ lbs.

SAG HARBOR

After a long absence the open boat **Wilheric** has secured dock space in Sag Harbor, and apologizes for not being in service for the beginning of the season. Captain Artie Latch says he will be fishing the same haunts as he fished when he was out of Greenport. The boat will start sailing this weekend for porgies, sailing on a 7AM daily schedule. For information and directions, call 516-728-2679.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Bait & Tackle told us of good fluke action out in the Sound off of Mattituck and near Buoy 5. The fish average around 4 lbs. with some smaller and some larger mixed in. Bluefish from 10 to 14 lbs. were taken on bait in the Race over the weekend. Good porgy fishing off of the Motel at Cutchogue on worms and clams. The fish are mixed in size from ½ lb. on up to 3 lbs. In the bay, there are a few small porgies and also some weakfish and small blues at buoy 22 and 23.

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

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MIXED BAG

ROCKY POINT

Stan of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** weighed in a 13¼ lb. bluefish taken on a trolled umbrella rig off of Lilco by George Laurie. Bob Vilbig took 20 bluefish from 2 to 4 lbs. on cast Rebels before dawn on Saturday morning. This was at Haggermans Landing. Weakfish action has been hot and cold from south of Buoy 11 to the tower off of Sound Beach. Fluke in the 2 to 4 lbs. class at Buoy 9 Sound Beach on squid and sandeels. For those willing to run a little further for their fluke action has been steadier and the fish have been bigger at buoy 5. Porgies from ½ to 2 lbs. being taken on clams and worms from buoys 9 to 7. Bass action spotty.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph's Fishing Station reported decent fluke catches being made along the beach from Port Jeff to Rocky Point. These are nice size flatfish and are taking squid, sandeels and smelt. Some fishermen did well with big porgies up to 2½ lbs. at Rocky Point on clams and worms. Some small blues being trolled at Buoy 11 and right outside the Harbor on umbrella rigs and Tony Accetta spoons. Weakfish in the 4 to 7 lb. class have been mixed with the blues.

PORT JEFFERSON

Al at **Tackle Shack Sportsmens Center** reports fishing this week has been the best in many years. On the north shore there are blues, weaks, stripers, porgies, fluke, and even mackerel. To the south from Moriches to Captree are blues, weaks, fluke, snappers, blowfish and plenty of crabs. Chris Brockhoff of Medford age 14 caught his first weakfish jigging in the buoy 11 area, an 11 lb. 14 oz. tiderunner. Tony Agosta picked up 27 blues and 7 weaks jigging the Sicilian rig between 9 and 11. Lenny the Phantom took a night trip to the Middle Grounds and after jigging all night came back with 11 weaks to 14 lbs. jigged on Sicilian rigs.

Tim of **Caraftis Fishing Station** reported a lot of mackerel in the 2 to 3 lb. class around at buoy 11 and other scattered areas of the Sound. A few blues in the 3 lb. class mixed in with the mackerel. Jigging and trolling at Buoy 11 has been produc-

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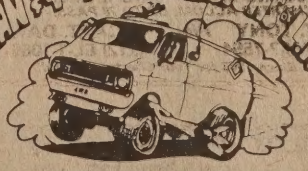

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ing weakfish in the early morning hours. Fluke fishing has been faily consistent at Mt. Misery Point on spearing and squid. Quite a few of the fish are in the 5 lb. class and some run to 7 and 8 lbs. Good porgy fishing on clams and worms at Old Field and Crane Neck. Some bass being taken on plugs at Cranes Neck after dark. Worm trolling is becoming increasingly difficult due to numerous snappers in the area.

KINGS PARK

Artie at **Ski and Sea** tells us on that Thursday, Wally Lauson and John Walsh took 3 weaks averaging 7 lbs. each trolling umbrellas 1 mile west of Crane's Neck on incoming. One customer took a 12 lb. weak trolling at buoy 15 at the end of the ebb. Jim Kane, John Hines and Pete McGuinness had a good catch of weaks in the 8-10 lb. class and blues up to 5 lbs. off the Sunken Meadow jetty casting Hopkins shorties and trolling white surge tubes. Callahan's beach is producing porgies on sand worms.

OK Bait & Tackle reports good bluefishing at the mouth of the river and fair to good porgy action at Callahans, the Mansion and Cranes Neck. On Saturday Sal, Sophie, and Paul Bruno returned with a nice catch of large Boston mackerel and small blues taken casting from their boat at Sunken Meadow. On Sunday Feliy Nieves and Charlie Quinones had 60 porgies fishing in 30' of water off of Callahans on worm bait. Also Sunday Paul Libassi checked in with 27 keeper flounder and 1 small blackfish which he took from inside the river on worm bait. Russ Murray, using a Kastmaster meant for a snapper blue, hooked and landed a 12'' Rainbow fishing off the station dock.

NORTHPORT

An enthusiastic Tom Bowman of **Bowman's Sporting Goods** reported big weakfish at Ashroken every evening for the past week. The fish show at sunset and are being taken on Tri-Fin eelworms and Rebel plugs. During the day loads of big Boston mackerel roam the same Ashroken shoreline. Buoy 13 at Eatons Neck has produced bluefish up to 14 lbs. along with big weakfish on Banana Splits, Ava jigs, and Tri-Fin jigs. Wire line trollers take these fish also along with an occasional striper. Fluke, from keepers on up to 7 lbs. being taken from the Shoal area at Eatons Neck. Some porgies around with those in the Sound running much larger than the bay fish. Good snapper fishing at all the local docks.

HUNTINGTON

Charter boat **Eclipse** reports blues remain spotty and on the small side while mackerel are jumbos and are in thick at buoy 15 at Lloyd's Point and at Diamond Point. Best bluefish are in early morning hours. There are loads of bait in the water and it's almost impossible to read fish as the bait marks from the top to the bottom of the paper. Captain ray anticipates bluefish settling in very soon.

Captain Don of the **Ever Ready** reports throughout the week fishing has been basically pretty good with Wednesday's and Sunday's run producing close to 300 fish per trip in the area between buoy 15 and the obstruction buoy. Diamond jigs and squid seem to be working well along with jelly worms for weakfish averaging 10 to 12 lbs. each. Giant school of mackerel off buoy 15.

George at **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** reported good weakfishing from buoys 2 to 15 at Lloyd's Neck and also at Eaton's Neck from buoy 13 to the Obstruction Buoy. The weaks are being taken on Tri-Fin eelworms, sandeel jigs, diamond jigs, and also on trolled umbrella rigs. Weakfish along the beaches from Eaton's Neck to Lilco during evening hours. They're being taken on Tri-Fin eelworms and Rebel plugs. Bill Schneider weighed in a 7 lb. 2 oz. fluke taken at buoy 13 on a jelly worm meant for a weakfish. On Saturday plenty of big porgies were taken from buoys 2 to 13 by those anglers chumming with clams and using clams and worms for bait. Rob James, and Bill Schneider had 45 porgies in the 1 to 1½ lb. class at Morris Rock. Gary DiPasquale clicked with a 33 lb. striper in Cold Spring Harbor. He was swimming live bunkers at the time. Some bass in the teens taken late last week on wire at Eaton's Neck.

Ronnie's Bait & Tackle weighed in a 27 lb. striper taken on an umbrella rig at Eaton's Neck by Frank Packinger. Andy Calderone decked a 13 lb. doormat fluke also at Eaton's Neck, this on a sandeel-squid combo. Aimee Berlin took a 6 lb. weakfish from inside of Centerport Harbor over the weekend. Ronnie dittoed reports of very good weakfishing along Ashroken on Tri-Fin eelworms, Rebels, and small white bucktails. Blues and weaks mixed at both Eaton's Neck and Lloyd's Neck on umbrellas fished deep with wire. Jumbo porgies taking clam and worm bait at the Obstruction Buoy. Some bass up to 15 lbs. being wormed trolled at Target Rock and Marshall Field. Small snappers now in all of the harbors.

COLD SPRING Hbr.

Mark of **Salty's Bait & Tackle** reported that good weakfishing is underway at Buoys 13 and 15. He suggested drifting Tri-Fin eelworms or jellyworms down near the bottom on a dead stick. Three pound blues being taken trolling wire and also diamond jigging at Eaton's and Lloyd's Neck. Small porgies on sandworms and clams but Mark emphasized that chumming is necessary to make a good score. Mackerel in the 2 to 3 lb. class have been pinned down in the buoy 15 area the past several days and a few bass being taken at Causeway and Marshal Field. Mark also passed along word that a few stripers were taken by casters at Caumsett in recent days on eelworms, Rebels and Redfins.

GLEN COVE

Captain Joe of the **Lady Lil II** reports bluefishing took a downturn but big schools of mackerel appeared in the Sound and made all the customers happy. High hook for the week was 75 mackerel. On the evening trips the big weak went to Jim Weisoki with a 13 lber. There are good evening catches of 5-6 weaks a man, fish up to 13 lbs. Blues in the 3-5 lb. range are showing up again. Most of the action is off buoy 15 and Eatons Neck.

CITY ISLAND

Captain Joe Ferrara of the **Ebb Tide II** called to say that during the week passengers did very well diamond jigging large weaks and blues off of Sandy Hook but things slowed down a little over the weekend because of heavy boat traffic.

Captain Pete of the **Lucky Star** reports his fares have been jigging weaks in the 8-10 lb. range. Blues in the 15 lb. range are also hitting the jigs.

Jack's Bait & Tackle reported decent porgy action at Execution Light, Fort Slocum, and the radio tower. Small bass continue to be taken on Rebels and bucktails at Harts and High Islands. Bluefish in the 10 lb. class have been showing up at Stepping Stone Light but seem to be there one day and gone the next. Fishing for 3 to 5 lb. class blues at Execution Light has been more consistent.

BRONX

Captain Howie Berlin reports that the **Super Claire** is fishing the N.Y. Bight/Jersey/Rockaways for good mixed bags of big weaks and mixed sizes of bluefish. Catches have been good all week except for Sunday due to heavy boat traffic. **The Bronx Queen** has been having good night blues fishing Long Island Sound. There have also been lots of macs, flounder and porgies caught on the boat. The **Claire II** did a big job Saturday on weaks and blues fishing between the channels. Sunday was a little on the slow side but still okay, all on jigs.

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	10:09	10:14	10:59	11:10	10:59	11:03	11:45	11:54	1:29	1:52	1:09	1:35	10:03	10:19	7/26
FRI.	10:49	10:49	11:36	11:47	11:40	11:39	–	12:27	1:44	2:06	1:46	2:12	10:43	10:58	7/27
SAT.	11:29	11:28	–	12:15	–	12:20	12:33	1:09	2:11	2:35	2:26	2:50	11:27	11:41	7/28
SUN.	–	12:09	12:26	12:57	12:14	12:57	1:15	1:53	2:48	3:12	3:05	3:29	–	12:10	7/29
MON.	12:08	12:51	1:06	1:40	12:46	1:33	2:00	2:38	3:30	3:54	3:46	4:12	12:23	12:56	7/30
TUE.	12:49	1:36	1:51	2:30	1:22	2:09	2:49	3:26	4:16	4:39	4:33	5:01	1:11	1:47	7/31
WED.	1:37	2:27	2:41	3:23	2:05	2:55	3:42	4:19	5:07	5:30	5:25	5:51	2:04	2:41	8/1
THUR.	2:36	3:23	3:39	4:20	2:59	3:50	4:42	5:10	6:02	6:27	6:20	6:47	3:03	3:37	8/2

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

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CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
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Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

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7/10	5:33	8:37
7/15	5:37	8:34
7/20	5:41	8:31
7/25	5:46	8:26
7/30	5:51	8:22

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	6:55	**1:05**	7:15	**1:30**
Fri.	7:45	**1:55**	8:05	**2:20**
Sat.	8:35	**2:45**	8:55	**3:05**
Sun.	9:20	**3:30**	9:40	**3:50**
Mon.	10:05	**4:15**	10:25	**4:25**
Tues.	10:50	**5:05**	11:15	**5:25**
Wed.	11:40	**5:55**	—	**6:15**
Thurs.	12:05	**6:35**	12:40	**7:00**